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TOWN'S BEST SPOTS FOR LEAF PEEPING



Andover's trees are just starting to turn, as seen at Baker's Meadow Reservation, off Reservation Road.

Color conscious

Where to go in Andover for the best views of autumn's leaves

By Ben Hellman

Leaf peepers don't need to leave town lines to enjoy some beautiful fall foliage, say Andover trails enthusiasts. For nature walks, Andover has more than 10 AVIS (Andover Village Improvement Society) reservations, the Ward Reservation and Harold Parker State Forest to choose from.

That's before one begins talking about the hundreds of acres of conservation land.

But where's the best place to see Andover's most phenomenal foliage?

Alan French, Bay Circuit Alliance member and owner of camping and boating gear shop Moor and Mountain, says his top pick for foliage walks would be the Ward Reservation, which boasts the highest point in Essex County. Boston can be seen from the top of Holt Hill, a spot within the reservation, on a clear day.

French says after Ward, he would suggest the Rafton Reservation, which is easy to find

from the town leaf dump on High Plain Road. The Bald Hill/Wood Hill Reservation is also accessible from the leaf dump, but French says the trails are not as well marked, so it is for the more adventuresome trail blazer.

French also suggests the "Bessie" Goldsmith Woodlands, with parking at the corner of Gould Road and South Main Street. The Goldsmith trails go by Foster's Pond, which French says is a highlight.

But, with all the walking trails in Andover, French says it's hard to pick the best ones. "You can go on forever," he says.

Andover Trails enthusiast Marta Hornidge agrees with French.

"They're all best," she says. Hornidge specifically identifies the Goldsmith Woodlands and Holt Hill as good leaf-peeping spots.

Hornidge also suggests Deer Jump Reservation, which fol-

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List of foliage areas

Curbside leaf pickup information

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Though Andover is still at least a week away from peak leaf-looking season, some trees are already offering colorful views, such as the tree above, on Shawsheen Road.

Youth center needs town to approve plans

By Andrea Gregory

Before the youth of Andover can try out a much anticipated youth center, plans for the center must win the approval of as many as three town boards.

First, the center is expected to need two special permits from the Planning Board.

The Conservation Commission also might need to approve the plans because of the center's proximity to wetlands.

Finally, the building will need a variance from the zoning board to allow its use as a youth center in a residential zone, said Steve Colyer, planning director.

The project must be approved by the town boards because the youth center is being built by a private organization, the Andover Youth Foundation, not the town.

AYF will give the center to the town when it is complete. Plans for the youth center have been filed officially and will go before the Planning Board Oct. 28. "A municipal facility would be allowed here, if the town was building it, but the town's not building it. The thing is caught between the devil and the deep blue sea," said Colyer. "If the town was building it, you wouldn't need a variance."

Even though the town intends to run the youth center when construction is complete that does little to help the youth center gain approval, said Colyer. He said the boards will treat the project the same way they would if it was coming from a developer and going to be run by a private organization.

Center is 'virtually' ready, on Web site

By Andrea Gregory

Tours of the new youth center are being offered. Residents can move through the front doors and into the lobby. They can pass by a burning fireplace. Or peek into the new gym and a game room. For the first time residents can see the "big room," complete with a performance stage on one side and a rock-climbing wall on the other.

For now, this tour is only a virtual tour, available on the Andover Youth Services Web site. But Andover youth are hoping they can soon take a real tour of the \$4.3

million youth center the private Andover Youth Foundation is planning to build.

The virtual tour is of revised plans for a youth center AYF is attempting to build at 200 Greenwood Road.

Teenagers eager to see the new youth center built, can imagine themselves taking the place of the virtual teenagers lurking in the virtual corridors. Andover Youth Service Director Bill Fahey said he does not plan to let down Andover kids and is already making promises he intends to keep.

He said he was recently selling Cowboy-Up T-shirts - one of the many fund-raising efforts

to help pay for the new center - when a young girl asked him, "What youth center?"

"Exactly," said Fahey giving her a T-shirt. "And I promised her it would be there by the time she was 12, and I can't go back on my word."

Fahey's promise to the 7-year-old girl gives him five years to finish the center, but Fahey doesn't want to wait that

long. Though supporters still need to raise about \$2 million, youth center design plans have been filed with the Andover Planning Department.

"We built the program so now we need a home for it," said Fahey, noting that the youth services department has run many different programs at a variety of locations for the past nine years. "We feel very comfortable that this is going to happen."

Fahey said a realistic goal for opening the real youth center doors could be during spring 2005. The earliest he expects the center to open is next fall.

But selling trees and holiday decorations this winter, hosting a telethon in February and supporting similar efforts are not going to cover what is left of the estimated construction costs.

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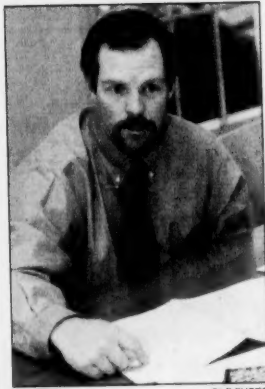
Andover Youth Services'
\$19,000 budget will need to
double once the new youth
center is open, says Bill
Fahey, AYS director

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40B PROJECT

Judge: \$450K not needed to keep fighting AvalonBay



Bill McLaughlin of AvalonBay is confident the project will be built.

By Andrea Gregory

Protect Andover Zoning, the group of residents opposed to the 115-unit Ch. 40B project proposed for 460 River Road, will not need to post \$450,000 to continue their legal fight against developer AvalonBay.

Judge Howard Whitehead, the same judge who dismissed PAZ's last appeal seeking to stop the AvalonBay project, said the group does not need to post a bond, as requested by AvalonBay. AvalonBay filed for an emergency motion, asking for PAZ to put up a \$450,000 bond before proceeding with further litigation. Such a move is meant to stop

"nuisance" suits.

"Obviously we are gratified," said Andrew Caffrey, PAZ's attorney. Caffrey said he interpreted the judge's decision to mean the judge found PAZ to have grounds for an appeal, even though he dismissed PAZ's last effort. "I think clearly the judge was wrong (to reject the previous PAZ appeal)," he said.

"Throughout the law there are close calls," said Caffrey. "At a minimum he feels this is a close call, enough of a close call that the appeal has merit."

Caffrey said his clients are long-term residents of the area where AvalonBay is attempting to build. They live on the River

Road for its "country" atmosphere and, though changes come to every neighborhood, AvalonBay would severely alter this atmosphere, he said.

PAZ has been battling AvalonBay since it first proposed its plan.

Caffrey said building six single family homes on the River Road site would be one thing, but 115 luxury apartments will change the demographics of the neighborhood and have adverse effects on the value of neighbors' property. For the appeal, Caffrey said all his clients need to do is prove they have standing - reasons of interest to object the project, and from

there it will be up to AvalonBay to prove they meet the regulations of Ch. 40B.

"I am quite comfortable that we can prove that we have standing," said Caffrey. "Standing is our ticket to the dance."

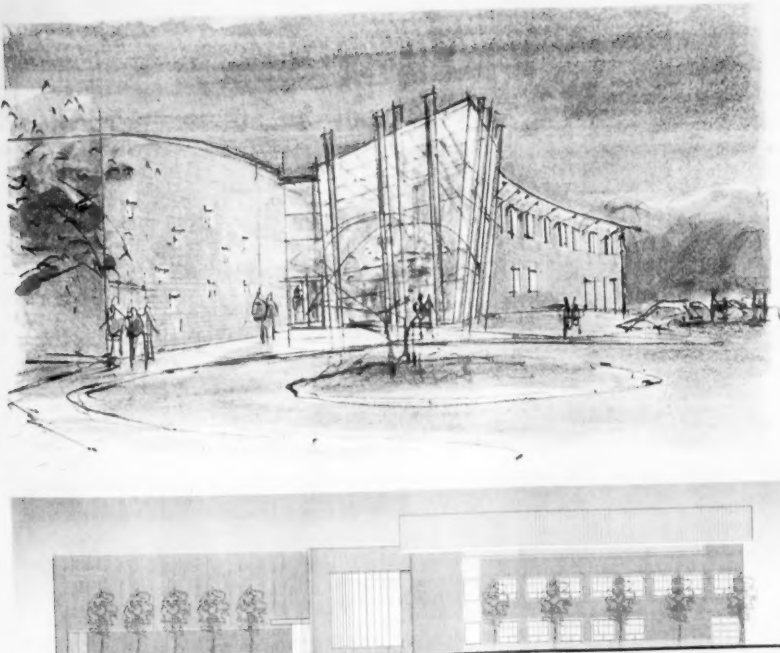
Bill McLaughlin, AvalonBay's vice president of development, said he believes the project will be built.

"I am more confident than ever," he said. "We would have liked for the judge to tell them to put their money where their mouth is, ante up."

But McLaughlin noted Whitehead's original ruling that compared the situation between

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The original design for the proposed West Andover youth center (artist's rendering shown at top) has been replaced with a more rectangular plan (shown below) that should be less expensive to build, according to Robert McQuade, chairman of the Andover Youth Foundation building committee.

Youth center 'tours' online

■ YOUTH CENTER
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"It's kind of two levels," said Fahey. "The other level is looking more toward (donations from) corporations and private individuals who see the vision. We are trying to build a community-based program and I think it will be an asset to the community."

Larry Larsen, AYF president, said the group has raised \$2.55 million so far. Although the plan is to build the center without taxpayer dollars, Fahey said he believes his \$19,000 operating budget will need to double and new staff will need

to be hired once the new center is running. Fahey said it would be in everyone's best interest to put the \$4.3 million building to use once it is given to the town, and that will cost money. Fahey said he has ideas on how the new center can generate revenues to help increase services.

"I can't wait until it gets built," said Glenn Wilson, AYS program coordinator of nine years. "I feel that we have demonstrated to the community that our program has been very successful and our focus has always been on the kids. It's time our program had a home of its own."

The plans for a new youth center soon will be seeking approval before as many as three town boards (see related story, page 1).

So far, plans to build a 31,319-square-foot, two-story youth center behind the West Fire Station show a rectangular shaped structure on the 6.33 acre lot. The required 214 parking spaces will be created in an adjacent, off-site lot.

Residents can go on a virtual tour of the proposed youth center by logging on to the youth services Web site at www.andoveryouthservices.com.

TOWN LAW

When and why meetings are not public

"Town Law," written by Andover town counsel, is meant to highlight certain points of municipal law, particularly as they might relate to Andover. The articles are meant to be a public service and will be written at no cost to the town of Andover or the Townsman.

By Thomas Urbellis

At the municipal level, shouldn't all of the public's business be done in public? The Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Board don't usually meet to discuss national defense secrets, so shouldn't all of their meetings be open to everyone?

Doesn't the media have a constitutional right to determine and publish everything that is discussed at a meeting of a municipal board, whether the board is elected or appointed?

The Massachusetts legislature has provided answers to those questions in the Open Meeting Law, which requires that all meetings of a local governmental body shall be open to the public, with certain exceptions. Those exceptions reflect the legis-

lature's determination that upon consideration of a balancing of competing interests and rights, certain meetings may be held in an "executive session," which is closed to the public. The purposes (with certain procedural conditions) for those executive sessions are:

- To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than the professional competence of an individual.
- To consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee or staff member.
- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation or in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.
- To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices.
- To investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to discuss the filing of criminal complaints.
- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real

property.

• To comply with the provisions of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.

• To consider and interview applicants for employment by a preliminary screening committee.

• To meet or confer with a mediator.

The requirements of the Open Meeting Law apply to meetings of local governmental bodies, such as boards, commissions and committees of a town but not to meetings of individual officials such as the town manager or school superintendent. This law also does not apply to the legislature itself.

Therefore the next time a resident goes to a meeting of a local governmental body, the meeting should be open to the public, unless one of the exceptions to the Open Meeting Law is articulated as a reason for going into executive session.

Thomas J. Urbellis is Andover town counsel and a former president of the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association.

Board takes time on Flash decision

By Andrea Gregory

The Planning Board is taking another two weeks to contemplate possible conditions for an 11-lot single-family-home subdivision on 27 acres that residents of North Reading fear will become the "lost colony" of Andover and harmful to their neighborhood.

The subdivision known as Pine Forest Park is tucked away in a North Reading neighborhood where flooding has been known to close roads, according to residents of the area. They also say its location can make it feel isolated.

Pine Forest Park would have no direct access to Andover, even though it is Andover land and zoned for residential use. It would be accessible only via

Flash Road in North Reading.

Flash Road is part of a neighborhood with narrow, partially paved roads lined with quaint houses and small lots. It is sandwiched between Martins Pond and Route 125.

For months, the Andover Planning Board has listened to neighbors' complaints and officials' concerns. It now has to make a decision.

On Tuesday, the board discussed the safety and responsibility of busing children farther than it does any other place in town. North Reading school bus driver and Flash Road resident Regina Reilly sat quietly and listened. "It's a big safety concern," said Reilly after the meeting.

According to Reilly, North Reading school buses do not

access the tiny streets in her neighborhood. Neighborhood kids have to walk anywhere from a few streets to a mile to catch a bus ride to school. If North Reading buses do not drive these roads, Reilly said she cannot see why Andover would want to attempt it.

Board members talked about weather conditions that might make stops by buses impossible. "At the end of the day you're either going to drop these kids off or you're not. I don't know how you would strap the town with that responsibility," said Sheila Doherty, Planning Board member. "At no point would I want to see 125 access be used."

Using the gated emergency entrance to the neighborhood, located off Route 125, is something all board members seemed to agree was off limits.

All the problems with Pine Forest Park seem to deal with one issue — safety. Can Andover provide adequate services to a parcel of land it can only reach by first crossing town lines? Andover Fire, Police and Department of Public Works officials have all advised against allowing a development to be created where they say they cannot ensure tax-paying residents the same level of safety and service they can in the rest of town. Paul Materazzo, Andover community development planner, has stated numerous times he doesn't see how the board could vote to approve the project knowing the risks involved.

"But the neighbors have found a way to cope when the road closes down," said Linn Anderson, Planning Board member. "And, by the way, they are not leaving the neighborhood in droves." Due to absences, Anderson will not be able to vote.

"I would not vote for anything that was not safe. If a bad (situation already) exists I don't want to add another, if this is in fact bad," said Paul Salafia, Planning Board chairman.

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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



Top: The famous H. Krinsky & Son Salvage Co. junkyard of the late Morris Krinsky. His father, Hyman Krinsky, first opened the junkyard on Park Street in 1926. The buildings on the site were demolished and readied for sale in July of 1996. The bottom photo shows the general area today.

Tucker office hours

State Sen. Sue Tucker will hold her monthly office hours for residents at Memorial Library Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Residents are also invited to contact Tucker at her Statehouse office by calling 617-722-1612 or by sending an e-mail to her at STucker@senate.state.ma.us.

Andover Dems meet

The next meeting of the Andover Democratic Town Committee will be held on Monday, Oct. 20 at Marland Mills on Stevens Street. There will be a pizza social at 7 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 7:30. All Andover Democrats are invited to attend to get the latest information on the presidential candidates and to finalize plans for the November Democratic recognition breakfast, said organizers. Call Nancy Stolberg at 978-470-2784 with questions.

Quota membership reception

Quota International of Andover will hold its annual membership reception on Tuesday, Oct. 28, on the second floor of Memorial Hall Library, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This get-together and information session is open to anyone interested in learning how to participate in Quota's service projects.

Quota is a non-profit international service organization comprised of local chapters that are committed to serving their community. The Andover club, comprised of active women from Andover and surrounding towns, is known for its service projects to aid disadvantaged women and children, and the hearing impaired community.

Guests speakers at the Oct. 28 event will include some of Quota's 2003 grant recipients, including a student in the NECC Deaf Studies Program, along with representatives from the YWCA of Greater Lawrence, Trauma Prevention Program and Andover ABC.

Light refreshments will be served. Residents are asked to RSVP to Kiki Schneider at 978-474-9142, Cheryl Hebert at 978-686-3995, or to any other Quota member.

Quote, unquote . . .

I WOULD NOT VOTE for anything that was not safe.

— Planning Board chairman Paul Salafia at a meeting discussing plans for 11 new homes on the North Reading line. (Story, page 2)

WE'VE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE YANKEES to win, and for cold, driving rains on game nights between midnight and 2 a.m.

— Merrimack College Security Chief Bill Mayrose jokingly talking about security plans for the college in case the Red Sox win their series against the Yankees. Both Merrimack College and Andover police were confident students and others would be responsible. (Story, page 6)

News Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 16

Revenue Enhancement Committee, School Administration Building, conference room A, 7:30 a.m.

High Plain School Council, media center, 6:15 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, continued deliberations on 45-47 High St., Town Offices, second floor, 6:15 p.m.

Housing Authority, 256 North Main St. (Frye Circle), 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 20

Sanborn School Council, 3:30 p.m.

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6-9 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Selectmen, Finance Committee, Personnel Sub-committee, Town Offices, third floor, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Andover Cultural Council, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Pneumonia vaccine

The Andover Health Department will administer a vaccine for pneumococcal pneumonia free of charge to at-risk individuals at a clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 10 to 11 a.m. An appointment is required for these clinics. Call the Andover Public Health nurse at 978-623-8299 for an appointment.

Clarification

Regarding last week's page 1 story on the future of the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archeology: The museum's planning committee will make its report to the Phillips Academy trustees in January. The trustees will decide on the future of the museum some time after that report is made.

Star Chefs event

March of Dimes will present its annual "Star Chefs" of Merrimack Valley event on Monday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Andover Inn, 4 Chapel Ave.

Talented local chefs, including Patricia Stella of the Andover Inn, will be a part of it. Tickets to the charity event cost \$100.

Flu shot clinic

Merrimack Valley Hospital is offering a flu-shot clinic for the public on Friday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the auditorium. The clinic is free for individuals who are age 65 years or older. A \$5 donation is requested for all others.

For more information contact the MVH Education Department at 978-521-8550.

Schools close

A power failure caused several schools in town — including Andover High School — to close Wednesday morning.

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8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Through November 29, 2003
(except Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day)

Residents **MUST** remove their leaves & grass clippings from whatever container is used to transport. All contaminated loads will be rejected. The area is available for walk-ins at all times, however, there are substantial fines for **ILLEGAL** dumping.

Directions to Bald Hill: Lowell St. (Route 133) to Greenwood Rd. (at the traffic light just east of the IRS). Greenwood Rd. (0.8 miles) north to High Plain Rd. Left onto High Plain Rd., (1.0 miles) to Bald Hill (on left).

The Town of Andover will be conducting curbside leaf collection during the weeks of Oct. 20, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, and Dec. 1. (Leaf collection will not take place during the week of the Thanksgiving Holiday). Residents are to put their leaves out on their designated trash collection day. Any appropriate size containers may be used for leaves, but if using plastic bags they **MUST BE CLEAR PLASTIC**.

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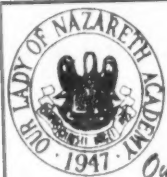
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Projects approved at Town Meeting aren't always pursued immediately

Until money is actually borrowed, projects wait – sometimes for years

By Andrea Gregory

When Town Meeting voters approve projects, they usually do not also approve a time line for when the projects will be completed. As a result, it can take years before some projects are completed and even longer for unused appropriations to be rescinded.

As of June – the time of the most recent document available from the town – the town had more than \$59.6 million that had been authorized by Town Meeting to be spent. The money had been authorized by residents approving 23 articles dating back to 1985.

Tony Torrisi, finance director, said the Town Meeting votes allowed the town to borrow and spend the \$59,612,052, but the town would not borrow or spend all that money at once and never intended to. The truth is, the town could not afford to tackle all of these projects at the same time, said Torrisi.

Torrisi supplied a separate list of the projects that Andover has borrowed for short-term – for a total of \$27,913,000. This figure includes the remaining amount for the new schools article from 2000.

Remaining on the books

Without an expiration date linked to warrant articles, it is possible for the town to postpone start dates for projects, leaving appropriated funds untouched for years. This will not affect the tax rate, if the town never actually borrows the money (see sidebar on page 5).

But with no expiration date, it seems that a Town Meeting appropriation for a municipal project can slip through the cracks, remain on the books for almost two decades, and leave officials puzzled 18 years later.

For instance, a 1985 Town Meeting article asking for \$1.5 million to eliminate ground water seeping into the sewer system has not been used up and has not fixed the problem. More than \$1.1 million remains on the books. (No more than \$500,000 was to be spent on engineering, according to the Town Meeting vote.)

"It looks like they spent \$340,000 on engineering. So none has been spent on construction, yet," said Torrisi. "It's probably so old it's been under the radar screen."

Since some of the money was

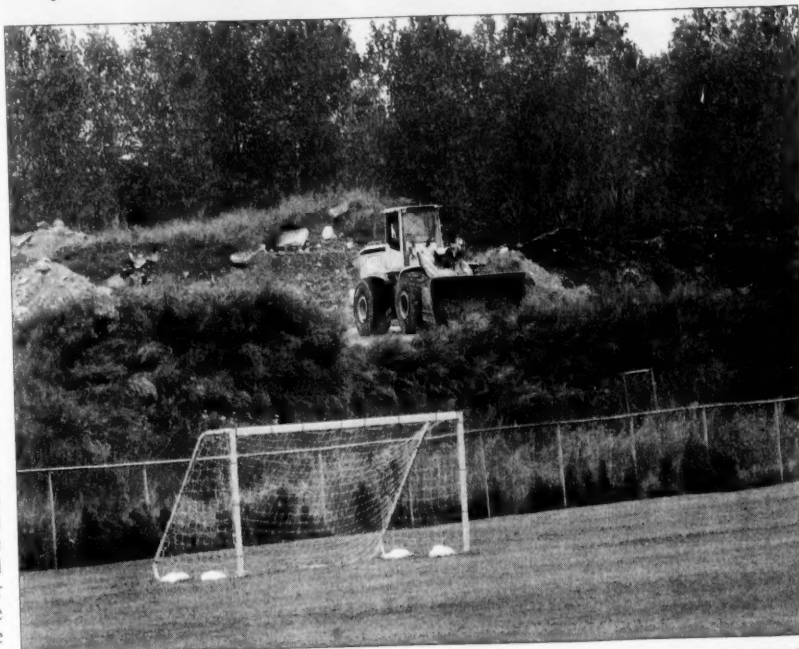


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Town Meeting voters approved money to cap the landfill next to Deyermund Fields in 1999, but the town has not borrowed money yet to start the construction.

spent, Torrisi said it shows the town did have intentions to go forth with the project. He said the town could have learned from the engineering stage that what it wanted to do was not possible, or that the project was going to require a lot more money than had been authorized.

"At some point we could rescind this," Torrisi said.

But Buzz Stapeczynski, town manager, is not sure rescinding appropriated funds is the way to go. "If there are no limitations, we would keep it on the books," said Stapeczynski, who could not provide details on the 1985 project or why it stopped short years ago.

In another case, an appropriation for field improvements from the 1995 Town Meeting did come with strict limitations, but the approved money still has not made its way off the books.

The 1995 fields article was so specific, it eliminated the chance that the town could use the money for anything other than exactly what it was intended for, said Torrisi. The money was approved to build two soccer fields and a 60-foot-baseline softball field. There were three locations where the fields could be built and the selectmen and School Committee were given a 90-day period to reach an agreement.

Torrisi said the steps involved to get approval were laid out in a time line. A public hearing was held and, after 90 days, the authorization to borrow the money expired. So what will happen to the appropriation that expired eight years ago?

"Because of that restriction on it, it can't be used," Torrisi said.

As for why it has not been rescinded already, Torrisi said the article was probably overlooked, or got lost in the shuffle.

With the exception of this 1995 fields article, Stapeczynski said he's confident the other projects will be completed.

"Everything on here is still going to go. These, we'll all be hitting. These are all on the list," Stapeczynski said. "These are all projects that started as an idea. Everything's all going to happen."

An awaiting project

One project waiting for action is a plan to cap the town landfill next to Deyermund Fields and turn the landfill into additional playing fields.

The town asked voters to approve \$2.2 million to cap the landfill in 1999. More than four years later, no construction has taken place and not a cent from the appropriated amount has been borrowed or spent.

"That's currently under

study," said Torrisi.

Torrisi said the money approved from this article is for the actual construction, not the design stage.

How to handle 'leftover' cash

In some cases, the town might use money left on the books to fund related projects, suggested Stapeczynski.

Out of the money that was appropriated for Shawshen field improvement in 1996, \$4,000 was never borrowed.

"That's probably just the left over money," Torrisi said. "They did the work there."

According to Joe Piantadosi, plant and facilities director, the project is finished. "It's done," he said. "The only thing that wasn't done on that was the lights (which is why \$4,000 was left over)."

Torrisi said the money would probably be rescinded at a future Town Meeting and, like other, older authorizations, it was more a question of taking it off the books than anything else.

However, Stapeczynski offered a different opinion. He said the authorized \$4,000 was not going anywhere unless there was absolutely no further use for it. "We may want to add more play equipment," Stapeczynski said, offering a reason for keeping the appropriation active.

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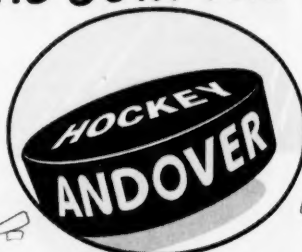
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UPDATE: More on Town Meeting votes

A look at the town's approved projects

This article is meant as a companion piece to the article at left.

By Andrea Gregory

Tony Torrisi, town finance director, stresses the difference between appropriated funds – funds the town is authorized by Town Meeting to spend – and money the town has actually borrowed. A vote at Town Meeting simply gives the town the authorization to borrow money.

"Nothing here (in the list, at right) is actually cash," Torrisi said. "And if we did have the cash I couldn't transfer it without Town Meeting approval."

Appropriated funds cannot be used for anything else, and the town will only borrow money for the particular project that was approved by Town Meeting voters, he said.

He said that when the town borrows money and for some reason does not spend it or does not spend the complete amount, the money can only be used to pay for similar projects.

"You can't transfer \$20,000 to hire a police officer. You can't do that," he said.

According to Torrisi, because the town cannot afford to borrow money for all the projects that Town Meeting has approved officials try to keep Andover's debt service around \$10 million.

"It's a matter of can we afford it," Torrisi said about how

ARTICLE, YEAR	PROJECT	AUTHORIZATION TOTAL AS OF JUNE 2003
article 18, 1985	sewer system improvements	\$ 1,160,000
article 26, 1995	field improvements	\$ 384,000
article 47, 1996	Shawsheen field improvements	\$ 4,000
article 16, 1999	Public safety center	\$ 522
article 41, 1999	sewer construction - South Main Street	\$13,500,000
article 42, 1999	sewer construction - Rogers Brook	\$ 3,300,000
article 44, 1999	landfill closure	\$ 2,200,000
article 74, 1999	Main Street streetscape	\$ 304,000
article 9, 2000	New schools	\$21,938,000
article 32, 2000	land acquisition - conservation	\$ 1,500,000
article 12, 2001	land acquisition - Lowell Junction Road	\$ 2,000,000
article 32, 2001	bridges and buildings	\$ 1,157,000
article 10, 2002	Public safety center (additional funding)	\$ 830,000
article 11, 2002	New schools additional funding	\$ 350,000
article 12, 2002	West Elementary asbestos removal	\$1,800,000
article 23, 2002	conservation fund	\$ 500,000
article 28-1, 2002	town building improvements	\$ 125,000
article 28-2, 2002	school building improvements	\$ 935,000
article 42, 2002	water treatment plant design plans	\$ 975,000
article 43, 2002	water mains	\$ 500,000
article 48, 2002	Main Street improvements	\$ 269,500
article 20, 2003	water treatment plant improvements	\$ 4,480,000
article 25, 2003	Red Spring Road retaining wall	\$ 400,000

Above: A list of projects approved by Town Meeting, and the amount of money still to be borrowed to pay for or complete the work.

officials decide when to pursue a new project. "There's a lot of checks and balances."

He said the town's current debt service, not including about \$3.5 million for sewer and water projects, is about \$9 million.

Torrisi said the town's approach is geared toward "striking a balance between the capital budget and the operating budget."

Not all TM projects get quarterly reports

The town manager and selectmen produce an annual list of goals and objectives, which they review quarterly. But not every project approved at Town Meeting receives the guaranteed attention of quarterly progress updates. Though most projects move toward completion at various speeds, this is not the case for all projects. And projects representing millions of dollars in Town Meeting appropriations are without an official timeframe for completion.

"The goals and objectives are not intended to cover everything the town has to do," said Selectmen Chairman John Hess.

However, Hess said certain projects, such as the landfill closure, tie into selectmen's goals and objectives as part of larger categories.

"The landfill closure is part of our fields master plan," said Hess.

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PAZ group free to continue court battle

■ AVALONBAY

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PAZ and AvalonBay to a poker game. "The defendants have 'called the plaintiffs' hand' during discovery, and the plaintiffs have been unable to produce any cards," said Whitehead in his summary judgment rejecting PAZ's first appeal.

"His first ruling was authentically strong," said McLaughlin. "What Judge Whitehead said is that they have no standing, basically that they shouldn't be there."

According to McLaughlin, the latest ruling in PAZ's favor does not take away from White-

head's initial ruling, or indicate PAZ has any more credibility.

"I think there is an element of not wanting to kick someone when they're down," McLaughlin offered as a possible explanation as to why PAZ won this round in the courtroom. "And they are definitely down."

Sewer issue

As the latest PAZ appeal makes its way up to the appellate court – a process that could take a year or two – AvalonBay is waiting to see if the state will allow sewer hookup for the 115 proposed units. On Sept. 11, the town received notice that Aval-

onBay's application for sewer has been approved by Tewksbury. McLaughlin said he is not anticipating any snags in the process, but "these things take time." AvalonBay should hear from the state during the next several months, he said.

PAZ members have referred to the 2003 Town Meeting vote that revoked the selectmen's authority to enter into sewer agreements with neighboring Tewksbury and Lowell as something that will work in their favor and possibly stop the development. PAZ sponsored the article to revoke the authority, claiming authority was granted only to

benefit the nuns of St. Claire on River Road, and not to pave the way for large developments.

Though selectmen used words such as "held hostage" when referring to the AvalonBay negotiations, under the advice of Town Counsel Tom Urbel, they recommended disapproval of the article. Town Meeting approved the article anyway. At this point, it is still not known how this Town Meeting vote will affect the AvalonBay situation.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, Oct. 9 - At 7:01 p.m., Ernest Storlazzi, 81, of 36 Mary Lou Lane, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 7:48 p.m., Kevin Berry, 40, of 130 River Road, Boston, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and without car insurance.

Friday, Oct. 10 - At 4:01 p.m.,

James Riddle, 26, of 141 South Main St., Newton, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for multiple counts of fines and defaulting on paying fines, and with counts of forgery, larceny and breaking and entering.

At 4:45 p.m., Ever Chavez, 24, of 127 Lawton St., Lynn, was arrested and charged on a warrant with motor-vehicle violations.

Saturday, Oct. 11 - At 9:19 p.m., James Carr, 20, of 14 Reed Place, Bronx, N.Y., was arrested and charged with possessing liquor as a person under 21, disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana.

Sunday, Oct. 12 - At 2:26 p.m., Harold Marsh, 50, was arrested and charged on a warrant with open and gross lewdness. Marsh is a homeless man who spends his time in

Andover. He was caught in town urinating in public and has been arrested before for defaulting on a court appearance for this charge. Police arrested Marsh after a Shawshen Plaza caller reported him to be a nuisance.

At 3:02 p.m., David Ross, 27, of 81 Thornton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant with driving without a license and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 - At 7:36 p.m., Christopher Fauling, 25, of 13 Travis Cove Road, Kingston, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, driving under the influence of alcohol, and failing to stop or yield.

At 8:42 p.m., Linda Mistal, 42, of 23 Independence Drive, Methuen, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a marked lanes violation.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Oct. 8 - At 9:14 a.m., a bad check was reported passed on River Road.

At 2:42 p.m., a Gillette employee reported her wallet stolen.

At 7:48 p.m., a man reported his daughter's purse was stolen while she was at Andover High School.

Thursday, Oct. 9 - At 11:42 a.m., Phillips Academy reported a larceny.

At 4:34 p.m., a man reported his 14-year-old grandson stole his rental car.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 8 - At 2:11 a.m., a caller reported water shooting out of Colonial Drive. The water department responded and set cones around the leak, which workers said was not as serious as the caller stated. They said it would be taken care of in the morning.

At 8:02 a.m., a motorist reported that a low hanging branch smashed his windshield on Lowell Street.

At 10:54 a.m., Bancroft Elementary School reported that its lawn was damaged in an act of vandalism the previous night.

At 5:58 p.m., a 15-year old girl was filed missing by her mother. The girl was last seen in early morning and did not show up at school. The daughter later called her mother and sounded like she was under the influence of drugs, said the mother.

Thursday, Oct. 9 - At 2:37 p.m., a mother reported that her son was assaulted by another student.

Friday, Oct. 10 - At 8:20 a.m., the tree department reported that a tree they were cutting down landed on a Chestnut Street resident's car.

At 9:40 a.m., an Andover woman reported being assaulted at her home, but left without filing a report or speaking to an officer.

At 12:58 p.m., a 14-year-old Andover boy was removed from Andover High School and taken to a hospital after threatening to kill his mother. The mother reported that he assaulted her two days before in her home.

At 4:01 p.m., a resident called to report that a young boy who could not speak showed up on her doorstep. Another woman reported her 9-year-old autistic son missing 10 minutes later. Mother and son were reunited.

At 4:49 p.m., a youth was caught tearing out the flowers at Veteran's Memorial at Elm Green. The boy was brought to the station. An officer reported that a lot of damage was done.

Saturday, Oct. 11 - At 12:21 a.m., a 15-year-old Andover girl was taken into protective custody by police after being caught, intoxicated, near the old train station at School and Essex streets. Two people who were with the girl ran away when police approached.

At 11:09 p.m., a resident reported a white van that had been outside for 25 minutes. It was a private investigator.

Sunday, Oct. 13 - At 10:43 a.m., three female juveniles were caught shoplifting at the Andover Gift Shop and were released to their parents.

At 6:52 p.m., an officer was flagged down by people who wanted to report that a Porsche was left running unattended in a parking lot on Haverhill Street. The officer removed the keys and left them with a business.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 - At 11:43 a.m., a private investigator was reported by a resident after he parked on Chestnut Street for a while.

At 5:41 p.m., a diamond ring was found outside Wild Oats and dropped off at the police station.

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follows the path of the Merrimack River. Hornidge says the walking trail through Deer Jump is long and could be broken up over a couple of days. "It's pretty foliage - maybe it won't get better," she says.

Trails enthusiast Steve Golden says the Pine Hole Bog area inside the Ward Reservation shouldn't be missed. According to *The Bay Circuit and AVIS Guide to Walks in Andover*, Pine Hole Bog is located a short distance from the parking area on Prospect Road. There is a map of the entire Ward Reservation at this parking area.

Golden also suggested the Shawsheen River Reservation, 30 acres of land located close to the downtown.

For the real hiker, French suggests walking the Bay Circuit Trail, which connects trails through Andover. "This is the best time of the year to walk from Tewksbury to North Andover," he says.



Top: Ducks at Baker's Meadow Reservation. Above: Cooler nights are turning leaves.

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30 acres, parking at the corner of Central and Andover streets.



Two residents enjoy the sights along one of Andover's many trails this week.

ANDOVER RECYCLING

After the fall: Curbside leaf collection begins Monday

By Sharon Magnuson
Andover Recycling Committee

Curbside leaf collection occurs this fall for six weeks: the five weeks starting Oct. 20 and ending Nov. 21, plus the week following Thanksgiving, Dec. 1 to 5. Place the leaves curbside by 7 a.m. on the regular weekly trash collection day in trash barrels, boxes, brown paper leaf compost bags or clear plastic bags (not black plastic bags). Only leaves, grass clippings and pine needles and cones will be picked up. Do not include twigs, brush or other yard waste.

Remember, residents cannot throw leaves, grass clippings or any other yard waste with regular trash. The Mass. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has banned certain recyclable or compostable items, including leaves, from being incinerated or put in landfills. Although Andover's spring and fall curbside leaf collections occur on regular trash days, the leaves are actually picked up by a special truck the town hires. The truck may look like a trash truck, but it isn't. The truck takes the leaves and grass clippings to the town compost site, so the town does not pay to dispose the items as trash. If residents see trash and leaves being put into the same truck, they should report it to Andover's Department of Public Works.

Other alternatives for leaves and grass clippings

In general, it is best to use a mulching mower and not have to

deal with them. Home composting is the second best way to deal with leaves and grass clippings.

Another alternative is to take leaves, grass clippings and pine needles and cones (but no twigs, brush or other yard waste) to the town's Bald Hill compost site on High Plain Road. The site is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. now through Nov. 29, with the exception of Thanksgiving and Veterans Day. Residents must remove their leaves and grass clippings from containers. At the site, residents may also pick up some finished compost for use in home gardens.

What to do with brush

Massachusetts DEP waste-ban rules regulate the disposal of brush. Brush (sticks, twigs, branches, bush trimmings, etc.) may not be put in with trash. Brush less than one inch in

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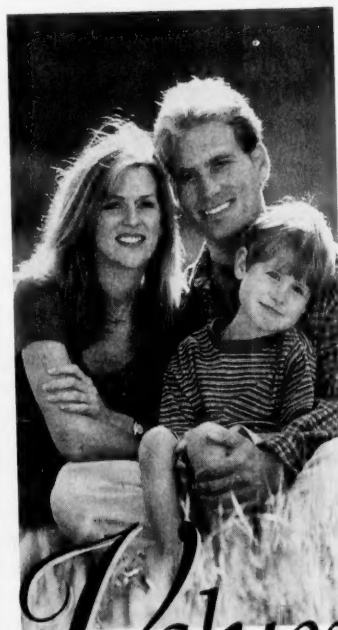
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Opinion

Finding moments of color in life

RIGHT NOW, SOMEONE IS planning a vacation to this area. They are coming to sit by a fire, to take it easy and to gaze at the explosion of color we call our leaves.

You know our leaves. The things we drive by every day, our focus on the road, or on shaving a few minutes off our commuting time. The things we grumble about as we rake, bag and toss them curbside. The



things we hope the wind will blow anywhere but onto our property.

Once in a while, it is worth admiring these natural wonders in our backyards. It's worth taking the advice of some of the town's experienced hikers, and walking through one of the town's many trails. Andover has thousands

of acres of conservation and Andover Village Improvement Society land, and they are packed with the colors that attract people from thousands of miles away.

There's a lot of natural beauty in town to be discovered on a crisp autumn day. Why shouldn't Andover residents give themselves a "vacation," if only for an hour? Why shouldn't they enjoy the leaves' color — at least until the beauty fades and it is time to rake the blasted things again?

Web question

Is mini-redistricting worth a shot?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: Krispy Kreme doughnuts have raised a lot of dough at recent school fund-raisers. Should parents make money from selling unhealthy snacks?

37 people voted.

24, or 65 percent, said, "Parents are trying to help their kids' educations in a tough budget time. In the scheme of a kid's diet, the doughnuts aren't a big deal."

9, or 24 percent, said, "Parents are exposing their kids to fatty foods and corporate advertising. The doughnuts are too much."

4, or 11 percent, voted "Other."

This week's Web-site question: **High Plain Elementary overcrowding caused Superintendent Claudia Bach to make a preliminary suggestion of redistricting elementary schools in west Andover. Is this a good idea?**

• Yes. Because of overcrowding, some kids are not getting an equal learning environment compared to peers at other Andover schools.

• No. Redistricting was an emotional ordeal for the kids who moved into High Plain from other schools. They shouldn't be forced to move to another elementary school.

• If school leaders think it should be done, fine. But the process should be transparent and every kid should be subject to the same rules.

• Other.

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsmen.com.

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BARN BURNERS



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From left, Paul Yu, Brendan O'Connell and Omar Noury of the band Barn Man get ready for the Andover High School Talent Show this Saturday, Oct. 18.

LETTERS

Math program still a plus

Editor, *Townsmen*:

As I was reading the Oct. 9 article regarding parental concerns about the newly introduced math program, I reflected on my personal experiences.

In the second grade at the now defunct Central Elementary School, I was introduced to the concept of division and multiplication. My mother still regales friends and family with the story of how she could not help me with my homework because she used the term "into" to describe division and I was being taught the term "divided by." And to add insult to injury, I was "fortunate" to be a member of the only class at Andover Junior High who was subjected to the math program based on the binary system (way beyond its time). I sympathize with those concerned parents but they need to know that their children will end up learning enough to pass the MCAS and for those who are truly mathematically inclined, there is no better place for them to stretch their minds than at Andover High School.

Susan Jenkins
15 West Parish Drive

Energetic ideas

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Recently, the US Department of Energy announced that new and revolutionary technologies currently under development would be needed to significantly reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases that have been linked to global warming. Further, without these new "breakthrough" technologies, meaningful reductions in greenhouse gases that cause global warming could not be achieved without severe economic hardship for the United States. So, for now, the American people must wait until the future arrives before global warming can be defeated.

Is there anything that Americans can do now to stop global warming, other than continue to subsidize the powerful, wealthy, and influential fossil fuel and energy industries with federal tax dollars in a continuing and futile effort to make America "energy independent"? The answer is a resounding yes.

Contrary to government

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About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file on the Internet. The Web site for his creation is www.hudson-vanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

Sad to expand waistlines instead of school budget

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The *Townsmen* article "Healthy profits on fatty foods" (page 1, Oct. 9) about parents selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts appeared just a week after a conference on obesity at Boston University. There, experts warned of an obesity "epidemic" and its health risks such as type II diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and shortened life expectancy, and they were particularly concerned about obesity among children.

Parents, schools, and communities must work together to

increase physical activity and decrease calorie intake among children, those experts urged. But instead, we sell doughnuts to raise money for school programs.

The *Townsmen* article cited a nutritionist saying that a 200-calorie doughnut is not so bad for an active child, who could burn it off during a 50-minute walk. At the obesity conference, though, a scientist said it takes an average adult an hour and a half (90 minutes) to walk off a 120-calorie snack. If so, it would take that adult about two

and half hours to walk off a Krispy Kreme. I don't know if children burn calories that much faster than grownups, but even if they do, how many children actually go for 50-minute walks (or even play outside) for every fattening snack they eat? How many adults do? Is this a benign way to fund school activities?

To me, it's sad that our town's budget for schools has shrunk so much that we have to expand our waistlines to make up the slack.

Cathryn Delude
Old School House Road

State must stop warehousing those with mental illness

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill held its Keep the Promise Event in the Great Hall of the Statehouse on Oct. 15. Family members and friends were expected to have the opportunity to meet with their legislators about the fight for fairness.

It is nice to be positive, but it is essential to be honest. We have lost ground. The inhumanity of the state human services budget is costing lives through neglect, abuse and suicide.

Dorethea Dix heard the cries of families stricken with mental illnesses and committed herself to political, social and religious theory, action and practice. She witnessed people with no-fault brain disorders locked in prisons. She activated the conscience of government. When no other treatment was known, she fought for asylum, shelter, refuge and safety for people with brain disorders. Large acres of land were given to the state of Massachusetts to be developed into a humane hospital system for people with mental illnesses.

Her intention and creation was eventually distorted and abandoned. People went uncared for and the buildings descended into warehouses or concentration camps, where human beings were hidden away and mistreated. When they died they were buried on the hospital grounds still hidden in unmarked graves. The words "asylum" and "commitment" were distorted and corrupted and took on negative connotations.

Medications discovered in the 1950s enabled some people to leave hospitals. As medications improved, a compact was made to care for people in the community whenever possible. As hospitals closed, the revenue from the land and buildings was to be used to pay for housing and treatment in the community. That promise, for the most part, has been broken. Much of the state land has been sold and housing, health insurance and services are not available to thousands of people with brain disorders. The streets are not a home. When people get too delusional and act out, jails have

replaced hospitals and, we now warehouse people with severe and persistent mental illnesses in prisons.

Building more prisons costs money, but the cost in human lives is immeasurable.

Research and more effective medications and treatment plans have increased the potential for recovery not dreamed of in the '50s. But the ignorance of stigma and corporate greed surrounds us. Greed and ignorance robs us of hospitals, housing, medical and community services.

In John Steinbeck's succinct words, "While a single one of us is empty, none of us is full. We all starve. There is no way to escape justice, be it harsh or sweet."

NAMI's mission is to support, educate and advocate for families stricken with mental illness. Our vision reaches beyond the realities of today to the possibilities of tomorrow and sweet justice for all.

Jean DeRosa
Vice President, NAMI-Mass
158 High Plain Road

THE THURSDAY FILE

If you overlook information from employees, you overlook probably the most valuable source of customer information you have.

TOM CONNELLAN

Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding.

KAHLIL GIBRAN

The further you explore, the less you know.

LAO TZU (TRANSLATED BY DAVID HINTON)

It takes just as much time to develop a loser as it does a winner.

BOOZ, ALLEN & HAMILTON, 1968

For me, life is continuously being hungry. The meaning of life is not simply to exist, to survive, but to move ahead, to go up, to achieve, to conquer.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Tell me, I'll forget. Show me, I may remember. But involve me and I'll understand.

CHINESE PROVERB

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him with his friendship.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

I write in order to attain that feeling of tension relieved and function achieved which a cow enjoys on giving milk.

H.L. MENCKEN

I don't care what is written about me so long as it isn't true.

KATHARINE HEPBURN

The Eleanor Roosevelt quotation

With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.

Best quotation sent

He who thinks by the inch and talks by the yard deserves to be kicked by the foot.

ANONYMOUS

LETTERS

The future is now on energy efficiency, if voters insist on it

■ ENERGY LETTER

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claims, technologies to substantially reduce energy use are here today: improved fuel efficiency in our automobiles and trucks; commercial building designs that maximize the use of natural light and solar energy; increased energy efficiency in household appliances; improved power generation and distribution systems, and more.

The future is now. Energy-efficient automobiles and trucks are rolling off the assembly lines today. Passenger vehicles that achieve 60 miles per gallon and SUVs that can achieve more than 30 miles per gallon are here today, all without sacrificing safety. But for the reluctance of the Energy Department to promulgate new energy efficiency standards, a new generation of energy-efficient appliances including air conditioners,

refrigerators, washers, and dryers could be manufactured and made available across America.

By using a strategy called distributive power generation, highly energy-efficient and environmental-friendly power-generating systems could be installed in commercial buildings and industries, especially in the urban areas of America. The major benefits would be less reliance on an outdated national power grid, more power would be available where it is needed, and there would be a reduced need to transmit electricity inefficiently over thousands of miles of cable.

Contrary to the vice president's efforts to minimize the value of conservation, the American people are capable of fighting global warming without waiting for future technologies. The American people need, and the Congress must demand from

the administration, a clear and well thought out energy plan; not a manifesto written and paid for by the energy industry lobbyists. The Congress must stop coddling the fossil-fuel and energy industries by phasing out taxpayer subsidies that artificially lower the price of energy.

Americans can rise to the challenge of prudent energy use and conservation in an environment where they confront the real and unsubsidized cost of energy. Americans can exercise the power of the pocketbook to demand fuel-efficient cars and trucks, and energy-efficient appliances and buildings.

Americans can also exercise collective political will. Recently, 50 million citizens said "no more unsolicited phone calls at dinner time." The Congress responded with the national "do not call" list. Just think of the possibilities if the American

people say "yes" to more energy-efficient automobiles, trucks, and SUVs, and "yes" to highly energy-efficient appliances.

Revolutionary new technologies may some day reduce energy demand. But until the new technologies arrive, we must do as much as possible to eliminate greenhouse gases NOW.

For now, let's take a line from Howard Dean's campaign: "You have the power to change this country." Americans can demonstrate to the world community that, by applying the principles and values that have made America great, we can do our share in eliminating global warming. By doing the right thing, we can preserve the American way of life for ourselves and for our children; we can make America a little better than when we found it.

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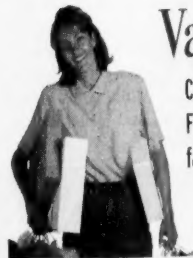
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OBITUARIES

Penn H. Clower*Was an electrical engineer*

Penn H. Clower, 56, of Andover, died Friday, Oct. 3 at Holy Family Hospital.

He was born in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Clower worked as an electrical engineer for Charles Stark Draper Lab in Cambridge.

Members of his family include his wife, Linda (Czajka) Clower of Andover; a son, Hamilton Clower of Andover; a brother, Marion Clower of Fairfax, Va.; and his mother, Elizabeth Clower of Louisville.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. at the M.I.T. Chapel, Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

There were no calling hours. Arrangements are by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Boating, Inc., 21 David Mugar Way, Boston, MA 02114.

Edna M. Lounsbury*Longtime former resident taught here for 30 years*

Edna M. (Thompson) Lounsbury, 93, of Chatham, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Thursday, Oct. 9 at home.

Mrs. Lounsbury moved to Andover in 1949 and lived there until moving to Chatham three years ago.

Mrs. Lounsbury was a teacher at Central Elementary School in Andover for over 30 years until she retired.

She was a member of Andover Baptist Church, the Friendly Circle of the Church and the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

She was the widow of Richard L. Lounsbury.

Members of her family include her sons, Richard L. Lounsbury and his wife Linda of Andover, and Alan E. Lounsbury and his wife Jane of Chatham; sister, Ruth V. Stocks of Andover; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 7 Central St., Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Charles P. Tatulis*Had Lawrence dental practice until 1985*

Charles P. Tatulis, 82, of Andover, died Friday, Oct. 10 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Born and educated in Lawrence, he graduated from

the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H. in pre-dental medicine and the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1961.

He opened his Lawrence dental practice in August 1961 and retired in 1985.

Dr. Tatulis flew B-17 bombers in the Army Air Corps during World War and later served in the Korean War as a military air transport pilot until he was honorably discharged in 1953.

Members of his family include his wife of more than 51 years, Claire (Cadarette) Tatulis; sons, Fredrick C. Tatulis of Boston and William M. Tatulis and his wife Edith of Candia, N.H.; daughters, Elaine C. Caldwell and her husband Kenneth of Auburn, N.H., and Paula M. Hurley and her husband Timothy of Manchester, N.H.; sister, Ann Blanchette of Lawrence; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Amelia F. Panusky*Worked at Standard Coat and Apron before retiring*

Amelia F. (Stadalsnik) Panusky, 89, died Friday, Oct. 10 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Born and educated in Boston, she worked at Standard Coat and Apron for many years before retiring.

A former Lawrence resident, Mrs. Panusky was a member of St. Francis Church in Lawrence.

She was the widow of John J. Panusky.

Members of her family include sons, George P. Panusky of Lawrence and Donald Panusky and his wife, Rose Marie of Methuen; daughters, Anna Alvarez of Miami, Fla. and Dianna and her husband Paul Paris of Methuen; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late John J. Panusky Jr., Helen Julius and Frances Poirier.

Arrangements were by Polard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

Isabella Petrie*Retired from BayBank*

Isabella Petrie, 92, died Thursday, Oct. 9 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Andover, Mrs. Petrie retired from BayBank in 1965 and was a member of Free Christian Church in Andover and Clan Johnson.

Members of her family include her brother, David R. Petrie of Medfield; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Cremation was in Linwood Crematory.

Memorial contributions may

be made to Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Barbara A. Chabala*Retired AT&T telephone operator*

Barbara A. (Francis) Chabala, 83, of Andover, died Friday, Oct. 10 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital.

Born and educated in Somerville, she lived in Andover since 1986.

She worked as a telephone operator for AT&T until she retired.

Mrs. Chabala was a member of St. Augustine's Parish in Andover where she volunteered with many organizations.

She was the widow of Joseph Chabala.

Members of her family include sons, John P. Marks of Richmond, Va., David Marks of Cranston, R.I., and Lawrence Marks of Biloxi, Miss.; daughters, Ann Marie Ashworth of Richmond, Kathleen Fisher of Dorchester, and Jane E. Avonlea of Reading; a sister, Jean Lane of Sun City, Fla.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, Oct. 16 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Augustine Church, Andover.

Burial will follow in St. Augustine Cemetery, Andover.

Arrangements are by Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

John J. Harzmovitch*Was State Police trooper*

John J. Harzmovitch, 68, of Andover, died Saturday, Oct. 11 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Born and educated in Chelsea, he also lived in North Reading.

He served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Mr. Harzmovitch worked as a Massachusetts State Police trooper and for the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Members of his family include his companion, Marilyn Quinn; his mother, Nancy (Magazzu) Bogus and her husband Ray of Everett; daughters, Doreen Belkacem of Somerville and Vicki Ann Harzmovitch of North Carolina; sons, John Harzmovitch of Londonderry, N.H., and Frank Harzmovitch of

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Belmont, N.H.; stepson, Charles Quinn; sisters, Lisa Santarpio and Deborah Brems, both of Chelsea; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 1309 Beacon St., Brookline, MA 02146-5252.

Arrangements were by the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., North Reading.

Kenneth G. Barnhill*Retired engineer was active at library, senior center*

Kenneth Graham Barnhill, 86, of Andover, died Saturday, Oct. 11 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Westfield, N.J., he graduated from New York University with a master's degree in sanitary engineering.

He served in the Army as a captain of the sanitary corps during World War II.

Mr. Barnhill was the technical director at Barclay Waste Management in Watertown until he retired.

He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover.

Mr. Barnhill was a member of the American Society of Engineers, the American Water Works Association, the former Boston chapter chairman of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a Special Friend of the Memorial Hall Library, and the Andover Senior Center, where he belonged to the chorus, the friendly visitors and started the men's bridge club.

Members of his family include his wife, Jane (White) Barnhill of Andover; daughter, Anne Steul and her husband Dennis of Birmingham, Ala.; son, K. Bruce Barnhill and his wife Kathylyn of Pfafftown,

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

DEANGELO - Nellie J. (Grasso) DeAngelo, 90, of North Andover, died Monday, Oct. 13 at Sutton Hill Nursing Home. Mrs. DeAngelo worked at Raytheon in Andover for 20 years and members of her family include her son, Peter A. DeAngelo and his wife Linda of Andover.

EVANGELOS - Nicholas J. Evangelos, 75, of North Andover, died Monday, Oct. 13 at home. He was a member of South Church in Andover and a member of its choir.

GROSSMAN - Bess (Siegal) Grossman, 90, of Methuen, died Friday, Oct. 10 at the Nevins Centre in Methuen. Mrs. Grossman was an accountant for the IRS in Andover for more than 23 years, retiring in 1983. Members of her family include her daughter, Marilyn G. Trebach of Andover.

HIGGINBOTTOM - James M. Higginbottom, 55, of Saraland, Ala. died Sept. 16 at home. He was a sales representative and manager at Prudential Insurance Co. in Andover.

KEARNEY - James (Seamus) Kearney, 62, of Galway, Ireland, died suddenly on Monday, Oct. 6. Members of his family include his son, Frank Kearney and his wife, Fran, and three grandsons, Shane, Ian and Kyle Kearney, all of Andover.

TASCA - Rosalie M. (Patti) Tasca, 60, of Haverhill, died Sunday, Oct. 12 at the Caritas Holy Family Hospital, Methuen. Mrs. Tasca worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover and Lowell for 38 years and retired as a supervisor.

N.C.; four grandchildren; and one niece.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover, 6 Locke St., or Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, or the Andover Senior Center, all in Andover, MA 01810.

There were no calling hours. Cremation took place at Linwood Crematory.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover.

Arrangements are by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Joseph A. Pantaleo*Regional sales manager of Hallmark Cards*

Joseph A. Pantaleo, 66, of Windham, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Wednesday, Oct. 8 at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, N.H.

He was regional sales manager of Hallmark Cards from 1969 until he retired in 1991.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Pantaleo graduated from St. John's University in 1959 and lived in Andover before moving to Windham six years ago. He was a volunteer and spokesman for the March of Dimes, a referee for Little League baseball and a golf ranger for the Windham Country Club.

Members of his family include his wife, Mary (Radigan) Pantaleo; daughters, Laurie Foley of Somerville, and Donna O'Meara of Alexandria, Va.; son, Michael Pantaleo of Wind-

ham; brother, Giacomo Pantaleo of Exeter, N.H.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Box 31160, Hartford, CT 06150.

Arrangements were by Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, N.H.

Stephan Z. Gawlik*Was tool and die maker*

Stephan Zbigniew Gawlik, 93, of Andover, died Sunday, Oct. 12 at Lawrence General Hospital.

He was a tool and die maker at General Electric in Philadelphia for many years.

Born in Poland and educated as an attorney at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Mr. Gawlik served in the Second Polish Corps with the British Eight Army in North Africa and Italy during World War II, rising to the rank of major. He moved to this country in 1948 and lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., Willingboro, N.J., and Sun City, Ariz., before moving to Andover.

Members of his family include his wife of 58 years, Amelia; sons, Richard Gawlik and his wife Maureen of Andover and Robert Gawlik and his wife Betsy of Tucson, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

There are no calling hours. A funeral Mass will be said tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Andover.

Arrangements are by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1903

The lawns of Lewis T. Hardy and Mrs. Emma Bodwell of Maple Avenue are being graded to the level of the sidewalk.

Oberlin Howarth who was assaulted by Edward Doheney, Sunday, is able to be out again. He was severely wounded in the head, but not so seriously as was at first supposed.

This noon David May brought into the *Townsmen*

office a luscious bunch of blackberries, which he picked on his route this morning.

The repairs on the Baptist Church have been completed and the auditorium will be used for the first time Sunday, Oct. 18. The Sunday school will begin its sessions and all the regular services will be held.

Reid and Hughes are agents for Lawrence for George W. Hastings and Company's cele-

brated accordion and knife plaitings now so much in vogue and used by dressy women.

This evening the board of registrars will be in session at the Town House and all men who have not already had their names on the voting list, should take the opportunity to do so.

75 Years Ago - 1928

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John A. O'Connell, of High Street, two of the town's oldest citizens, was observed Wednesday night at the home of their daughter.

The annual harvest supper and entertainment of the Free Church will be held in the Parish House on Wednesday evening, Oct. 24. Tickets for supper and entertainment are 50 cents.

Christopher E. Shorten has been spending a few days at his home on Highland Road. Mr. Shorten is employed in Jamaica

Plain.

The public is cordially invited to take part in the Republican parade, which leaves the Tower at the top of the Hill at 6:45 Monday evening. Red Fire and Torch Lights will be given free.

The regular meeting of the South Church Christian Endeavor was held Sunday evening in the vestry.

Four persons, each over 90 years old, whose ages totaled 368 years, were among those who registered as voters in Andover on Wednesday.

50 Years Ago - 1953

The names of the blood donors at the Red Cross bloodmobile, which was at South Church on Oct. 5 and 6 have been released by Sidney P. White, chairman of the blood program.

A dog that was bothering

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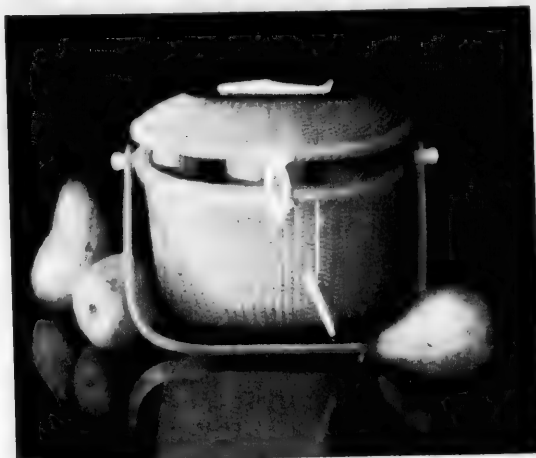
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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR



Andover artist Ronalee Crocker's works will be on display in her first one-woman Boston exhibition, at the Haley & Steele Gallery, 91 Newbury St. The gallery will host an artist preview from 6 to 8 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 23. Crocker will be on hand to discuss her artwork (above, her "Nantucket Basket with Pears," oil on canvas, 16 x 20 inches), which she notes is "inspired by the realism of 19th century Academy painters and the 17th century Dutch Masters." Wine and cheese will be served and reservations are required as space is limited. The exhibition opens the following day, Friday, Oct. 24, runs through Nov. 20, and is free and open to the public. For general information, contact the gallery staff at 617-536-6339, or visit the gallery's Web site at www.haleysteele.com. For more information about Crocker and her works, check out hscontemporary.com/artists/crocker.

Thursday, October 16

Art reception, a celebration of music, art and poetry, hosted by the women of CLASS Inc. (a non-profit group committed to showcasing musical, artistic and physical talents of individual with disabilities), free, 6-9 p.m., 1 Park St. Lawrence; RSVP to 978-975-8587.

Live music, Johnsmith, \$15, doors open 7:30 p.m., show 8 p.m., tickets at Andover Bookstore 978-475-0143, New Moon Coffeehouse, Unitarian Universalist Church, Jct. of Rts. 110 and 125, Haverhill; 978-373-9259 (day of the show 978-372-5173).

Johnsmith

Lecture, art historian David Nolita will present an evening entitled "Caravaggio, Murder and Mystery," free, 7 p.m., Bentley Conference

area, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill; 978-556-3421.

Lecture, Northern Essex Community College's Life Long Learning Program, presents "Mussolini's Grecian Blunder," \$1, 2 p.m., Library Conference area, Haverhill campus; 978-556-3688.

Live music, Peter Prince, 8 p.m., \$8, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Meeting, Merrimack Valley Quilters' Guild, \$5 non-members, 7 p.m., Holy Angels Church, Route 121, Plaistow, N.H.; 978-687-2401.

Friday, October 17

Live music, Orchestra concert, free, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4995.

Celebration, Temple Emanuel of Andover invites the public to join in celebration of singing and dancing with its Torahs, the evening will feature the music, dancing and more, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

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ANDOVER HIGH TALENT SHOW

32 spellbinding acts

By Ben Hellman

The Andover High School Talent Show will feature 32 acts, including 12 bands and a drum-off finale that student organizers of the event say will be a big attraction.

Student organizers Brian McCall and Nick Salois say they made an effort this year to stagger popular acts throughout the show so the audience will stay until the end. "It's a balanced show with good acts throughout," said McCall.

Both students are members of the Collins Center management class, which teaches students about running a professional performance center.

At the talent show, AHS junior Kate Gladstein will unveil a song she has written. The self-styled jazz singer will accompany herself on piano. It is the third time she has sung at the talent show, but only the second time she has accompanied herself. "I've never showcased anything I've written before," she said.

The show is being hosted by singer and AHS stage personality Dale Spollett. Rumors are that the senior, who has made his mark on the Collins Center stage singing leading tenor roles in *Les Misérables* and more recently *Secret Garden* will also perform a rap number, said McCall and Salois.

The night will be dominated by song. Collins Center manager Scott Worthley said there will be a lot of female vocalists, although Gladstein said she was unaware that talent scouts would be looking at girls



From left (front row) Omar Noury, Dave Gardner, Erik Fosse, (back row) Paul Yu and Brendan O'Connell make up the band Barn Man, one of the 32 acts and dozen bands performing in the AHS Talent Show this Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

for a shot to sing in a Las Vegas revue next month (see related story, below.)

Salois and McCall said the big finale of the evening would be a drum-off. "The drum-off is supposed to be pretty good this year," says McCall.

"That'll be one of the highlights," agreed Salois.

Tickets for the show cost \$10 at the door, or \$8 if bought beforehand. Ticket sales will support a fund used to book acts for the Collins Center.

Talent scouts will be in the AHS crowd Saturday night

An Andover girl could get the chance to sing in a Las Vegas revue show in Andover and Lowell. Promoters for the "Galaxy of Stars Supershow" – which is coming to the J. Everett Collins Center next month – will scout for female vocal talent at the Andover High School Talent Show this Saturday, Oct. 18.

The revue is a show of impersonators that will tour the Boston area in November. "What we want is a junior or senior girl to sing the *You Don't Bring Me Flowers* duet with (the) Neil Diamond (impersonator)," says Bert Pina of All Star Promotions.

The girl doesn't need to look or sound like Barbra Streisand, who sang the duet originally with Neil Diamond – just look mature and perform well, says Pina.

Pina says there will also be an audition for the show at the Tewksbury Holiday Inn the following Friday, Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. The "Supershow" group is also auditioning for a girl from Lowell to perform the song at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Pina says they will look for a girl from Lowell, but an Andover girl might be able to do both performances.

The AHS talent show is going on at 7 p.m. this Saturday night. There are 32 acts scheduled, many of them female vocalists, says Collins Center Manager Scott Worthley.

The Las Vegas show will happen at the Collins Center on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday Nov. 9 at 4 p.m., in Lowell.

Come to Spoon River (or let Spoon River come to you)

Performer Linda Gray Kelley will perform her one-woman show, *Spoon River*, at Memorial Hall Library, portraying about two dozen characters (at right) in free-verse monologues using costumes and props.

The show takes place Sunday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. and is free.

Each of Kelley's characters will confront the gossip and slander that affected their lives, while offering their own personal take on the other local townies in Edgar Lee Masters' *Spoon River*, which depicts a small, narrow-minded town in Illinois.

Kelley says her show "brings the local citizens back from the dead to set the records straight on what their early 20th century lives were all about."

Kelley is long experienced in live theater, organizers said, and has appeared in more than 100 productions across the US.

She has also taught drama in New England schools and camps, and is a former member of Actors



From Oct. 24 through Nov. 30, Alpers Fine Art will present *Two Voices*, an exhibit of 20 new works by European artists Michel Guyon and Laurent Schkolnyk. While Schkolnyk's still-life mezzotints have been widely collected in the US for more than 20 years, *Two Voices* represents Guyon's North American debut.

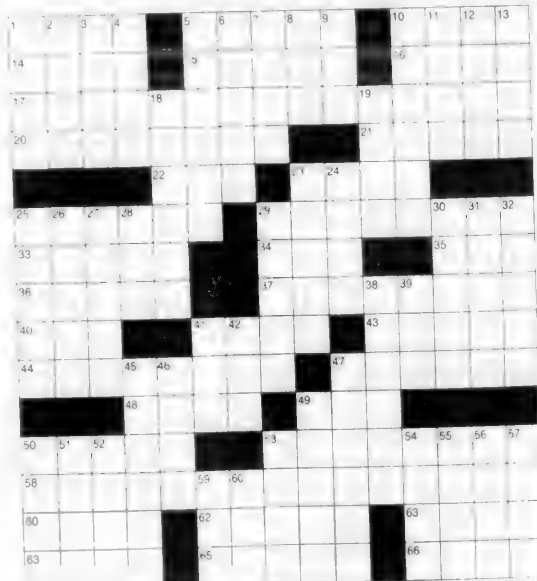
Though trained as a painter, until 2002 Guyon earned his living exclusively as a set-designer for European opera houses, keeping his painting a well-guarded secret. He went public with his works only when he felt fully satisfied that they captured all the passion, opulence, drama, and dazzling spectacle of the operas that inspired them.

As a complement to Guyon's incandescent operatic tableaux, *Two Voices* will also feature new works by Laurent Schkolnyk, who organizers said is widely regarded as his generation's most accomplished and innovative mezzotint artist. Since he left the practice of medicine in the late-1980s, Schkolnyk has had more than 40 solo shows on four continents. His exquisitely subtle and captivating mezzotints are in museum collections in both France and the US. There will be an opening reception next Saturday, Oct. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Alpers Fine Art, 2 Main St. For more information, contact Peter Alpers at 978-470-0013 or alpers2@verizon.net, or check out www.alpersfineart.com.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Makes lively
5. Stone slab or pillar for commemorative purposes
10. OK Corral marshal Wyatt
14. Sword similar to a foil but with a heavier blade
15. Simplified
16. Ancient Greek portico
17. Warning of sorts
20. A deep purplish blue
21. Cities
22. A collection of anecdotes
23. English bard (archaic)
25. A way of bundling
29. National capital of Malta
33. To be taken by surprise
34. Type of brew
35. Ad ____
36. Oliver ____, author
37. Military unit
40. Compass pt. midway between east and southeast
41. Robert ____, poet
43. Hippolyte ____, philosopher
44. Sittings
47. Religious
48. Griffith and Rooney
49. Home state of U.C. Berkeley (abbr.)
50. Blue pigment
53. Possible to satisfy
58. Somehow
60. Middle Eastern nation
62. Proprietor



63. "Picnic" playwright William
64. Taxis (slang)
65. Chars
66. Solar units

CLUES DOWN

1. Either of two large muscles of the chest
2. Hebrew unit of capacity

3. Look furtively
4. Ooze
5. Having vision, not blind
6. Long-tailed arboreal mustelid of C and S America
7. This (Spanish)
8. Permit
9. Secreted by the posterior pituitary gland

10. Break loose
11. Matter or tiny unit
12. A strong cord
13. Run from A to B
18. Cuts of beef
19. Organic compound
23. Trade
24. Large swift fly
25. Principles
26. Lower in esteem
27. Twines
28. I (German)
29. Linear units
30. Belonging to them
31. MT
32. In a way, carried oneself
38. A typeface with letters slanting
39. A waterproof raincoat
41. Mortar trough
42. Some
45. Living rooms
46. Inside of
47. Deviants
49. Pole (Scottish)
50. Invests in little enterprises
51. Ancient Asian city
52. Whale ship captain
53. Soluble ribonucleic acid
54. Dry
55. ____ fide (Latin)
56. Dazed
57. Supplements with difficulty
59. An Indian unit of length
60. Be obliged to repay

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Andover High School varsity football game, "Junior Football Recognition Night," Golden Warriors host Haverhill High, \$5 adults, \$3 students, seniors, 7 p.m. kick-off, Eugene Lovely Field, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road; Dave Nichols and Brian McNally 978-623-8570.

Fall fair, St. Gregory Armenian Church annual fair, free admission, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., 158 Main St., North Andover; 978-685-5038.

Live comedy, Ira Proctor, Paul Keenan, Tom Dustin, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Fall Castleberry Fair, 250 juried craftsmen and artisan and more, \$5, under 14 free, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington; 603-755-2166, www.castleberry-fairs.com.

Live music, Final Blowout at the Expo Center, the Forward, 21+, \$5, doors open 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

Live music, Middlesex Community College's fall concert series A World of Music presents Liz Leehey and John McDonald in concert, free, 7:30 p.m., MCC Theater, 5 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 781-280-3923.

Homecoming, St. John's Preparatory

School homecoming weekend events, St. John's Preparatory, 72 Spring St., Danvers; for events and schedules call 978-774-6727.

Live music, the Mammals, \$10-\$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Comedy, Bill Campbell presents A Parenting Story, \$10, 8 p.m., West End Theater, Gloucester; 978-283-2525.

Saturday, October 18

Live music, Student concert, free, 3 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4995.

Talent show, Andover High School Talent Show, \$10, 7 p.m., Collins Center, 100 Shawsheen Road; 978-623-8666.

Live music, Leah Wolfson, \$12, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., sponsored by Circles of Wisdom; 978-474-8010.

Italian buffet, all you can eat, \$10, 5:30-8 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, corner of Route 133 and Shawsheen Road; 978-686-3404.

Demonstration, Merrimack Valley Quilters present a quilting techniques demonstration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8401.

Live music, Paul Vondiziano, classical guitar, \$5 suggested donation, 8 p.m., South Church in Andover, 41 Central St.; 978-475-0321.

Organic harvest event, tastings, demos and more, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wild Oats Community Market of Andover, 40 Railroad St.; 978-749-6664.

Harvest fest, food, fun, games and more, also collecting gently used coats and jackets for Lazarus House, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., High Plain Elementary School, 333 High Plain Road; 978-623-8900.

Fall craft fair, 50 artisans and more, free admission, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Church Hall, 321 S. Broadway, Lawrence; 978-686-5721.

Live comedy, Ira Proctor, Paul Keenan, Tom Dustin, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Diwali dinner, social hour 6 p.m., 7-9 p.m. dinner; 9-11:30 p.m. entertainment; separate children's party room ages 5-15, call for prices, Doubletree Hotel, Lowell; 978-741-3375.

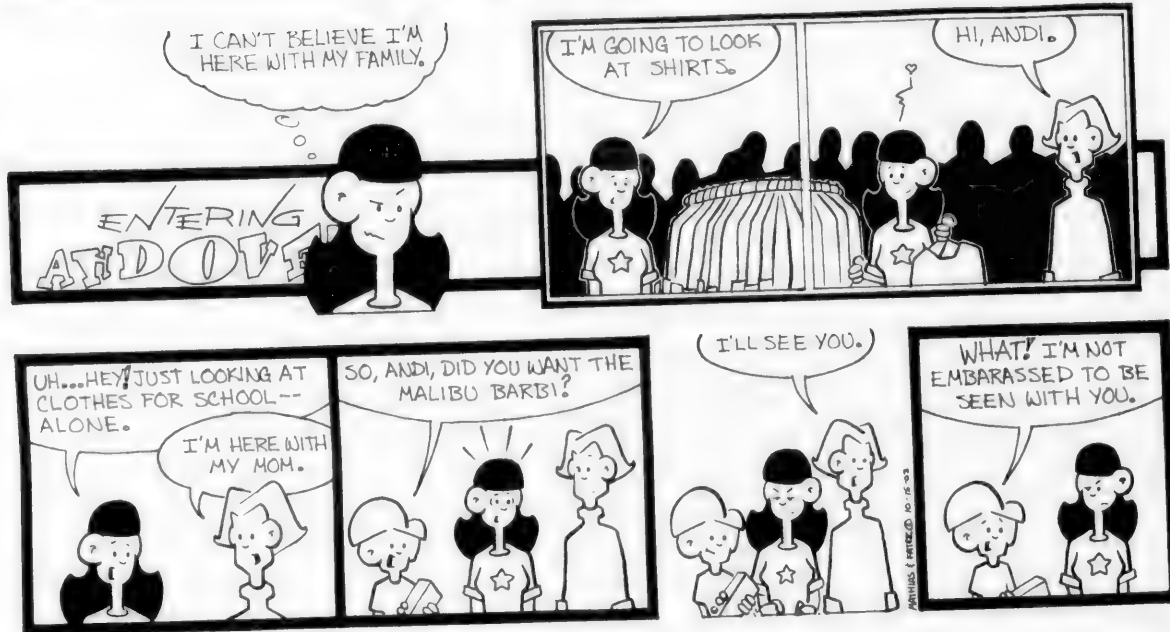
Live music, two shows, Greg Greenway, \$10-\$12, 7 p.m., Glamourpuss, \$7, 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, the Stoves, American Pulveriser, the Humanoids, 21+, \$5, doors open 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-

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9906, www.evosarts.com.

Artists' reception, Life's Splendor, 5-8 p.m., 47 Merrimack St. Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

Artists reception, and gallery talk, Endicott College's Art and Design Faculty exhibit, artists include Andover residents Maria Cusumano and Mark Townner, free, 4-5 p.m., David Broudo Gallery, Endicott College, 376 Hale St. Beverly; 978-232-2013.

Fall fair, see Oct. 17 entry.

Fall Castleberry Fair, see Oct. 17 entry.

Sunday, October 19

Live music, Choral concert, free, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4995.

Cut-a-thon, for Hospice, adult cuts \$20, or \$5 for children under 12, all proceeds benefit Hospice of the North Shore, Dellaria Salons, 6 Park St.; 617-254-1004 Ext. 22

Slide Lecture, "The Myth of Masculinity in American Culture: What It Means to be a Man," by Elinor Gadon, free, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.



Elinor Gadon

Family day Family Archaeology, Day, 2-5 p.m., call for prices, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

Dance, Dance Prism's production of *The Magic of Merlin*, \$18 adults, \$12 students and seniors, reserved seating, 2:30 p.m., Collins Center, 100 Shawshen Road; 978-371-1038, www.danceprism.com.

Opening reception, artist Steve Careau's exhibit "Façons," works on paper and in metal, free, 2-4 p.m., McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-1590.

Exhibit opening, Lowell Hellenic Heritage Association present *Acropolis of America: Passing the Torch, 1940-1974*, 2-4 p.m., Patrick J. Morgan Cultural Center, 40 French St., Lowell, call for information on other events; Nicholas Karas 978-452-0116.

Fundraising concert, The Northern Essex Community College Essex



Sabrina Quintana

Chamber Music Players fundraising concert featuring a performance of soprano Sabrina Quintana, a new member of the Northern Essex Community College music faculty, \$5-\$25, 4 p.m., Library Conference Area, Haverhill Campus; Michael Finegold 978-556-3413.

Live music, Fall Jazz Series, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet featuring Jack Senier and Mark Carlsen, 5-9 p.m., reservations recommended, Ipswich Bar and Grill, Ipswich; 978-356-7006.

Walk, Walk for Diabetes, 5 miles; registration 9 a.m.; walk 10 a.m.; start/finish Merrimack College

Bridge End, Chapel; 888 DIA-BETES.

Fall Castleberry Fair, see Oct. 17 entry.

Monday, October 20

PAC meeting, Peter Anderson, AHS principal, will give the school update, 7:30 p.m., Media Center, Andover High School; 978-623-8632.

Fundraiser, Bread of Life Golf Classic, \$150, registration 9 a.m., shotgun start

10 a.m., concludes with a luncheon, Andover Country Club, to register, sponsor a hole, or other information call Martin Gately 781-322-4455.

Discussion, Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein and Myrna Schoen, pre-school director, will lead a three-part discussion entitled *Talking to Our Kids About Loss, God, and Evil*; three, one-hour sessions will be held beginning Oct. 20 at 9:15 a.m. (on Loss), also Oct. 27 (on God), and Nov. 3 (on Evil); Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road, discussion is open to people of all faiths; 978-470-1563.

Candlelight vigil, sponsored by Alternative House, to remember those who have died as a result of domestic violence, 6-7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium, Halls of Flags, Lowell; 978-937-5777.

Fundraiser, North Andover Scholarship Foundation, annual Golf Tournament, raffle/silent auction, 11:30 a.m., North Andover Country Club, call for pricing; 978-749-7303.

Tuesday, October 21

Screening, Andover Public Schools will conduct a series of screening for preschool children ages 3 and 4 years old, by appointment only, Shawshen School, 18 Magnolia Ave.; pupil personnel office 978-623-8540.

Presentation, Marland Place and the

Andover Police Department host a breakfast, "Safe Driving for Seniors," presented by Andover Safety Officer Bob Cronin, free, 10 a.m., Marland Place Community Room, 15 Stevens St., RSVP Michelle Muller 978-475-4225.

Workshop, Merrimack Valley Chapter Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., create a Potpourri Bag designed by Shay Pendray in a two-part workshop led by Cindy Verfaillie, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church Main and East streets, Tewksbury; call for pricing and to reserve a space, 781-665-4118.

Live music, Mike Turk Quartet, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford; 978-374-8001.

Wednesday, October 22

No scheduled events.

Thursday, October 23

Live music, Tim O'Brien with Dirk Powell, 8 p.m., \$20, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Luncheon, Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer, noon-1 p.m., will offer information from area health care providers and a photo exhibit "Living with Breast Cancer" by former Andover Townsman editor Perry Colmore, City Hall, 4 Summer St., Haverhill; 978-374-2325.

Theater opening, Merrimack Repertory Theater presents *Boy Gets Girl*, tickets \$23-\$39, call for times, Merrimack Repertory Theater Library Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, box office 978-454-3926.

Presentation, Saints Memorial Medical Center's Prevention Institute presents "What you need to know about Diabetes and Prediabetes," 7 p.m., first floor conference room, One Hospital Drive, Lowell, to register call 978-934-8343.

Lecture, Northern Essex Community College's Life Long Learning Program, presents Celia Loughton-Thaxter and Sara Orme-Jewitt to discuss their lives and contributions to American literature, \$1, 2 p.m.,

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Guitarist in recital in Andover

The classical guitarist Paul Vondiziano will perform a recital at South Church in Andover this Saturday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. The program will include the second violin partita of J. S. Bach transcribed for guitar, music of the Spanish composers Fernando Sor and Isaac Albeniz, and a more recent composition with Middle Eastern influences by composer Carlo Domeniconi.



Paul Vondiziano

Vondiziano, a native of Cyprus, has performed throughout the US, Cyprus, Germany, the Netherlands, and Scandinavia, both as a soloist and with orchestra. He has been featured on Cyprus National Television and Radio, Swedish Radio, and public radio stations in the US.

His three recordings include a recording of the complete lute works of Bach, and a new recording of Brazilian guitar music will be released shortly.

His recital is the first concert in a series at South Church this year. Later concerts include the Chapel Choir of Hope College from Holland, Michigan and a concert of jazz with the Dean Marcellana Jazz Trio.

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Meetings are in the Memorial Hall Library's Activities Room on the basement level. Readers each bring a copy of the play. The first play is *Hamlet*. The group invites all interested people to participate. For more information, contact Eric Braude at: braude@comcast.net.

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Library Conference area, Haverhill campus; 978-556-3825

Open house, Solomon Schechter Merrimack Valley will hold its Fall Open House and Back to School Night, 7 p.m., parents considering a Jewish day school experience for their children are encouraged to attend, 514 Main St., Haverhill; RSVP to 978-372-4140, or e-mail the school administrator, Trish Chapin at tchapin@ssdsmv.org.

Friday, October 24

Live music, the music department of Phillips Academy will present a piano recital featuring John Ferguson, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus; 978-749-4995, music@andover.edu.

Storytelling, Katie Green will perform Halloween stories, free, 7:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 800-491-0143.

Andover High School varsity football game, Golden Warriors host Dracut High School, \$5 adults, \$3 students, seniors 7 p.m. kick-off, Eugene Lovely Field, Andover High School, Shawshen Road; Dave Nichols and Brian McNally 978-623-8570.

Dance, Irish step-dancing, tap and clogging, Dancing on Common Ground, \$20-\$22, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-873-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

Live music, Lawrence Cultural Alliance is sponsoring a sock hop, \$10, 8 p.m. to midnight, Claddagh Pub, Function Room, 300 Canal St., Lawrence; 978-686-6679.

Art reception, Essex Art Center's Annual Juried Show. Andover artists include David Cugnasca, Diane Grieco, Mary Jo Griffin, Tamara Krendel, David Phaneuf, Thea Shapiro, Mark Tower, Emily Trespass, Rob Wilke; free, 5-8 p.m., Essex Art Center, 60 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

Arts Alive - Open Studios, reception free, 5-8 p.m. more than 20 artists exhibiting painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, limited edition inks, prints, faux finishing, jewelry and more; ongoing workshops, live music, children's crafts corner and refreshments. Andover exhibiting artists include Greg Welch, Susan Seifer, Julianne Ring, and Helen Thornburn, 60 Island St., Lawrence; Julianne Ring 978-682-2478, or julianneringphoto.com.

Open studios, Off Broadway Studios and Gallery, annual art show and sale. Andover artists include: Shane Crabtree, Diane Grieco, Peg Harrigan, Karen Harris, Fran McCormick, Nancy Redding, Mark Short, Emily Trepas, Karen Herman, Robert Wilke, Mark Zader.



Ben Needham-Wood as the young King Arthur dueling a dragon in Dance Prism's *The Magic of Merlin*, at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday, Oct. 19 at Collins Center at Andover High School, Shawshen Road. The legends of Camelot and the fabulous deeds of the Knights of the Round Table come to life again in Dance Prism's latest production. Children and other believers in magic will be invited to meet wizards, dragons, knights, and assorted extraordinary creatures following the performance. All noble and brave young ladies and gentlemen attending will be dubbed Honored Knights and Ladies of the Realm in post-performance ceremonies. Devotees of the Arthurian legends will recognize many of their favorite characters in the ballet: Lancelot and Guinevere; the wily sorceress Morgana la Fay and her ambitious ally Mordred; and Nimue, the Lady of the Lake and guardian of Excalibur, whom Merlin loves. Further enlivening the story are Sir Gawain and the indestructible Green Knight; Sir Galahad, the virtuous knight who seeks the Grail; and of course King Arthur himself, who, as the legends promise, returns to inspire in times when he is needed most. Reserved seats, at \$12 for students and seniors and \$18 for adults, may be obtained by phone at 978-371-1038, or online at www.danceprism.com. Group rates are available. The theater is handicapped accessible.

free, 5-8 p.m., 397 Methuen St., Lawrence; 978-470-2671.

Live comedy, Jim Colliton, Greg Rodrigues, Tim Kaelin, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Theater, Trinitarian Neighborhood Theater presents *Godspell*, \$10, \$8.50 seniors, children under 12, 8 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-4445.

Live music, Bonepony, 8 p.m., \$7-\$10, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Imagine Studios present Rhonda Vincent & the Rage with Harvey Reid and Joyce Anderson, \$16-18, 7:30 p.m., half price for children under 14, Amesbury Middle School, 222 Main St., Amesbury; 978-834-0367, www.imaginestudios.org.

Theater, Nick & Zita's *Funny Fat Greek Wedding*, sponsored by the Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Andover, Jimmy's IV, 147 Princeton Boulevard, North Chelmsford at 6:30 p.m., for ticket information 978-256-8141.

Open studios, Lowell Artists Open Studios, free, noon-5 p.m., downtown Lowell; 978-446-7244, www.cultureiscool.org.

Saturday, October 25

Opening reception, *Two Voices*, free, 6-9 p.m., Alpers Fine Art, 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013, www.alpersfineart.com.

Live music, family concert by Red Grammer, \$10, family pack \$35, 2 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College; 978-873-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

Poetry, Robert Frost Festival honors poetry in Lawrence Schools, Frost Poetry Bee, 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Parham School, Main Auditorium, Lawrence; for other event information call 978-725-8828, www.frostfoundation.org.

Live comedy, Jim Colliton, Greg Rodrigues, Tim Kaelin, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, two shows, Aine Minogue, \$10-\$12, 7 p.m., Swing-ing Steaks, \$7, 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Arts Alive - Open Studios, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

Off Broadway Studios and Gallery, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

Lowell Artists Open Studios, noon-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

Godspell, see Oct. 24 entry.

Sunday, October 26

Presentation, Marland Place and Gentiva Health Services presents a talk on depression, free, 6:30 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; 978-475-4225.

Live music, Fall Jazz Series, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet featuring Jack Senior and Mark Carlsen, 5-9 p.m., reservations recommended, Ipswich Bar and Grill, Ipswich; 978-356-7006.

Arts Alive - Open Studios, noon-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

Off Broadway Studios and Gallery, noon-5 p.m., see Oct 24 entry.

Ongoing Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art. Fred Wilson: *Objects and Installations*, 1979-2000, through Nov. 9; Stephen Greene: *Painter and Mentor*, through Jan. 4; and *Chance Encounters: (Un)selected works from the Addison Collection*, through Nov. 9; gallery hours Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015 www.addison-gallery.org.

Andover Historical Society, artist Doug Johnson; exhibit *Lucy's Acre: A Place in Time*, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century, Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, *Two Voices* through Nov. 30, gallery hours; Wednesday and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Essex Art Center, through Oct. 17, Main Gallery *Travels with Deiter*, photographs from a motorcycle trip 17,000 miles long, Elizabeth Beland Gallery, *Through a Pinhole*, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

McCoy Gallery, through Nov. 21, artist Steven Careau's exhibit "Façons" works on paper and in metal, Merrimack College; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

HALLOWEEN CALENDAR

Friday, Oct. 17

Tour, *Legacy of the Hanging Judge*, tour the Nathaniel Hawthorne's birthplace as it transforms into a prosecutor's chamber, costumed interpreters bring visitors on a tour, \$12, 7:30-9:30 p.m., shows begin every 5 minutes, 54 Turner St., Salem; 978-744-0991.

Tour, *Spirits of the Gables*, Witness the cursed Pyncheons haunting the hallways of the mansion, \$12, 7-11 p.m., shows begin every five minutes, 54 Turner St., Salem; 978-744-0991.

Halloween happening, Victorian Park's *Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest*, eerie walk and through the Forbidden Forest and a frightening tour of the Haunted Mansion, 6:30 p.m. \$14, 350 North Broadway, Salem, N.H.; 603-898-1803.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Tour, *A Grave Adventure*, First Parish Burying Ground, make traditional mourning jewelry, and more, \$5 adults, \$3 children, SPENA members free, rain or shine, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Coffin House, 14 High Road, Newbury; 978-462-2634, www.spnea.org.

Maudslay State Park is haunted, its Theater in the Open offers a mixed bag of tricks on its notorious and popular haunted trail, including scenes of traditional Halloween spooking to modern creatures developed from imaginations, this is an outdoor one-hour walk, dress appropriately, some skits are not suitable for the very young, \$5 per person, 2-4 p.m., 1 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport; 978-462-6680, www.theaterintheopen.org. (rain dates are Oct. 25 and/or 26.)

Legacy of the Hanging Judge, see Oct. 10 entry.

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 10 entry.

Spirits of the Gables, see Oct. 17 entry.

Sunday, Oct. 19

Theater in the Open, see Oct 18 entry.

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 10 entry.



Children are invited to come in their Halloween costumes and join the musicians on stage at the end to meet the musicians and to get a closer look at the instruments in the "musical zoo" of "Carnival of the Animals." The Andover Chamber Music Series presents its sixth annual family Halloween concert Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts.

Thursday, Oct. 23

Trick or treat, candy, games and more, Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; 978-675-0800.

Friday, Oct. 24

Legacy of the Hanging Judge, see Oct. 10 entry.

Halloween happening, see Oct. 10 entry.

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 10 entry.

Spirits of the Gables, see Oct. 17 entry.

Saturday Oct. 25

Children's Haunted Playground, \$3 kids 12 and under, \$4 ages 13 to adult, 5:30-9 p.m., Clarke Park, Burroughs Road, North Reading, directly across from Shaw's Plaza on Route. 28, shuttle will operate from Shaw's Plaza, kids wear costumes, costume contest with prizes at 6 p.m., food, drinks, real gravestone rubbings, ghoulish decorations plentiful, guided tours featuring spooky skits start at 6:45 p.m., tour appropriate for ages 3 to 10 but all ages welcome; Janet 978-664-1776.

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 10 entry.

Legacy of the Hanging Judge, see Oct. 10 entry.

Spirits of the Gables, see Oct. 17 entry.

Sunday Oct. 26

Live music, Andover Chamber Music Series presents its annual Family Halloween Concert, Camille Saint-Saens *Carnival of the Animals*, \$10, under 15 \$8, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-474-6222, www.andoverchambermusic.org.

Haunted Mansion and Forbidden Forest, see Oct. 10 entry.

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Pennant fever – Workers in Town Offices showed their devotion to the Red Sox during a recent casual-dress day at work. Town staffers wearing their Sox T-shirts include, from left: (front row) Tony Torrisi, Anne Berthold and Steve Bucuzzo; (second row) Dolly Zimmer (no relation to Don Zimmer, Yankee bench coach and former Sox manager), Jane Mella, Mary Stearns, Anita Crowley, Teddy (Williams) Bear – who makes his home in the tax collector's office – and Sue Doolin; (back row) Susan Moore, Vern Loschi, Kathy Erkhart, Mary Stearns, Carolyn Lynch, Agnes Riedel, Bruce Symmes, Connie Grant and Dot Volker.

Cuts for a cause

Thinking about getting a haircut? Dellaria Salons will be holding their annual "Cut-A-Thon" this Sunday, Oct. 19 at 6 Park St. All the proceeds raised during this event will benefit the Hospice of the North Shore, a nonprofit organization that provides palliative care for terminally ill patients and their families.

The haircutting event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. The cut-a-thon includes adult cuts for \$20. For children 12 and younger, cuts are \$15.

"Dellaria Salons got involved with Hospice over 10 years ago, due to the fact that their organization has touched numerous clients, as well as family members of our staff. Since the first cut-a-thon was a success, we decided to make it an annual event," said Ellen Pestell, marketing and public relations director for Dellaria Salons. "This is an event that the stylists look forward to as a way to give back to a community that has been so supportive of Dellaria throughout the year."

For more information, visit www.dellaria.com. For more information on the Hospice of the North Shore or to give a donation, check out www.hns.org.

– Richa Goyal

Putting the 'fan' in fantasy

Former resident and Andover High School graduate Wendy Darling has co-written a science fiction/fantasy novel. The novel, *Breeding Discontent*, was co-written by Darling and Bridgette Parker and is available from Immanation Press this month.

The novel was written as a fan tribute to author Storm Constantine, creator of the Wraeththu Mythos. Constantine's series tells of a future time when the human race consists of a single gender. Darling's co-creation was written originally as fan fiction and tells a new story that takes place in the Wraeththu universe created by Constantine.

Breeding Discontent tells the story of the secret uncovered when a discarded military breeding facility is discovered.

– Ben Hellman

Group home management Seven Hills plans open house

A company that runs three group homes for physically- or mentally-challenged adults in Andover is hosting an open house at its new office on Route 114 next week.

Seven Hills Foundation, which also operates several other group homes around the state, recently opened an office at 1270 Turnpike St. (Route 114, near Boston Hill Farm Stand) in North Andover. The company is hosting an open house at that office next Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. for people interested in learning more about the company.

The group homes in Andover owned and managed by Seven Hills are located on Juniper Road, Kirkland Circle and Kathleen Drive. A total of 13 disabled young adults live in those three Andover homes, according to company spokeswoman Christine Rogers.

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'Who's that old fogey?'

Common question for local senior who writes about aging

By Judy Wakefield

IT WAS A GLIMPSE OF HERSELF in a mirror that got Rose Mula thinking about a title for her book. An avid writer who frequently puts a funny spin on her popular essays about aging, she found herself staring back at a mirror one day and wondering who the old lady was who was staring back.

It was a stranger, says this 75-year-old who looks and acts much younger than she is, but is battling aging like everyone else her age.

That scene nailed down the perfect title for her self-published book – *The Stranger in My Mirror and Other Reflections* – which starts like this:

"A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she came from, or how she got in. I certainly didn't invite her. All I know is that one day she wasn't there, and the next day she was."

Mula has fun writing 44 short essays that make up her book and are often about coping with the aging process.

Aging is a topic that all seniors can connect with and Mula will be available next Wednesday, Oct. 22 when she talks about her book at the Andover Senior Center at noon as part of its Brown Bag Lecture Series.

"You've got to laugh at life or you'll get depressed," says Mula, who has lived in her Andover condominium since 1995, and likes to laugh a lot.

Brown-haired and clearly fit, as she takes dance and strength-training classes at the Andover Senior Center, it's almost believable when she insists, "I feel like I'm 17, if it weren't for my knees."

She rants, raves, and pokes mild fun at various aspects of everyday life in this book. Some of these essays have appeared in various publications including



Rose Mula, author of *The Stranger in My Mirror and Other Reflections*, writes about coping with the aging process.

the *Saturday Evening Post* and *Yankee* magazine. In addition, Ann Landers ran one of Mula's aging essays in a column in 1999 that appeared in thousands of newspapers across the country. Mula also writes a monthly column for www.seniorwomen.com.

Her writing material comes from "living life" as she puts it,

and is honest but funny, which she says is part of her appeal. For example, when she writes about admitting a dear old aunt into a nursing home, Mula writes honestly that she thought a senior prom for residents was "condescending, almost a mockery." But her aunt wanted to go, and ended up being named queen of the senior prom. It

Who: Andover writer Rose Mula

What: Talks about her book, *The Stranger in My Mirror and Other Reflections*, and her monthly essay on www.seniorwomen.com

When: Wednesday, Oct. 22 at noon

Where: Andover Senior Center

Cost: \$2, public welcome

Questions: 978-623-8321

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became a wonderful memory for her aunt and forced Mula to rethink her opinion.

Some essay titles are whimsical, with eye-catchers that include "The U.S. Postal Disservice," "Where is Ponce De Leon When I Need Him?" and "Can You Drown While Surfing the Net?"

Mula gets lots of feedback from her monthly online essays encouraging her to keep it up. Those comments keep her motivated.

"I get some wonderful letters," she said. "One was from the daughter of a woman who was recently widowed and in the depths of depression. This woman read one of my essays with her daughter and got her first laugh in six months."

Mula's writing is also inspired by her working years, when she was a secretary and an operations manager for a Boston-area dinner-theater

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Honoring excellence

All about customer service: Rotary Club's 'Excellence in Service Award' to honor late Bill Zappala of Andover Video

By Ben Hellman

ANDOVER'S ROTARY CLUB wants residents to pay attention to businesses that give good customer service. To that aim, the club is presenting its first "Excellence in Service Award" to late Andover business owner Bill Zappala, who died in July. The club hopes residents will nominate future award winners.

Part of the Rotary Club's reason for being is to promote good work in one's vocation.

Rotary member Susan Big said Zappala exemplified a business owner who went the extra mile for his customers at Andover Video on Main Street. Big referred to Zappala's ordering special videos for customers

when he didn't have them and forgiving late charges.

"He delivered exemplary customer service," she said.

Big said Zappala's treatment of his employees was also a factor in the decision to give him the award. She cited instances when Zappala told students who worked for him that school work was more important than working at the video store.

"He was committed to his employees. He wanted them to do well as people as well as on



Bill Zappala

the job," said Big.

Doing a good job at work is one of four ways the Rotary Club encourages people to contribute to the community. The other three are community service, international service and service to the club, said Helené Anderson Michel, head of the club's vocational

services. Big said customer service is a part of a good community. "If people give good service to their vocations and their community, then we've got a better place,"

she said.

The club will place nomination papers at downtown Andover businesses. Anyone will be able to nominate a businessman or woman.

Big and Michel emphasize that the person nominated doesn't need to be a professional or an owner, just someone who has made a difference while doing their job. The person doesn't have to be a Rotary Club member, they said.

The award will be given to Zappala's widow, Karen Zappala, at the Rotary breakfast at the Andover Inn tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 a.m.

The event is for club members and not an open breakfast, said Big.

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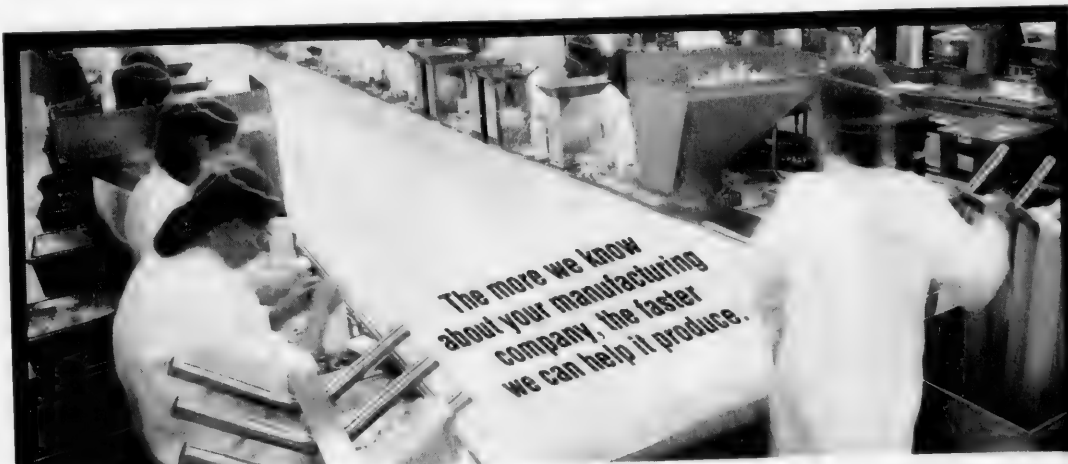
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Mula: Local senior writes about aging

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chain. Never married and a lifelong Waltham resident until she moved to Andover, she went to Boston University "back in the days when women were either secretaries, teachers or nurses," she said.

She graduated in 1950 with what she called a "glorified secretary degree" and jobs included positions at a chemical company, Tyco and Sonesta, where she was known for her sense of humor and her infamous reply to bosses in stressful situations - "lighten up."

Now retired, she keeps busy with writing, responding to comments from readers of her online essays and "deleting all that spam on my computer."

Relatives and friends provide "much of the grist for my mill" she says of her essays. She doesn't identify them in her book but she's sure they will recognize themselves.

"Hopefully, they will continue to speak to me and not to their attorneys," she chuckles.



Rose Mula

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

A Mass of Rededication and Reconciliation will be celebrated Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish in North Andover.

This special liturgy will be hosted by the **Greater Lawrence VOTF** (formerly parish Voice of the Faithful affiliates of St. Augustine, St. Robert Belarmine, and St. Michael's parishes) "to commemorate our one-year anniversary as a local affiliate and to rededicate ourselves to the mission of VOTF," organizers said.

All Catholic faithful in the greater Lawrence area are invited to attend. A dessert reception will follow. For more information, call **JoAnne Nowak** at 978-681-1097.

Temple Emanuel of Andover invites townspeople of all ages to join in a Simchat Torah, a joyous celebration of singing and dancing with the temple's Torahs. The evening will feature the live Klezmer music of The Klezniks, dancing, flags, apples, doughnuts and more. The celebration takes place tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook author **Ellie Deaner** demonstrated several "Quick Meals for People on the Go" last week for 50 women who attended the social event sponsored by the **Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel in Andover**. Deaner's dishes included Unstuffed Cabbage, Chicken



Cookbook author **Ellie Deaner** demonstrated recipes and cooked several "Quick Meals for People on the Go" to the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel in Andover.

with Lemon and Soy Sauce, Speedy Vegetarian Chili, Spinach Salad with Raisins and Peanuts, and Salmon in Foil.

Deaner has been the featured chef on "In Your Interest" segments on WSHH-TV 66, the Home Shopping Channel.

Deaner also produced and appeared on "Ellie's Foodline," a cable TV series that focused on cooking and food-related topics. She appeared on *Evening Magazine* with Dave Maynard and has been featured on many radio programs.

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, with over 250 members, is committed to support the temple community with a range of interests, from children's programming to senior events.

Membership in the Sisterhood is not restricted to temple members. Women who have children in the nursery school at Temple Emanuel, or who are interested in experiencing Jewish life are welcome.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

■ **50 YEARS AGO - 1953**

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sheep at the farm of G.J. Cavallo on South Main Street a few days ago will bother them no more. After being found in the pen he did not have time to do much damage before he was shot.

Andover's quota for the 1954 community chest campaign will be \$27,120, it has been announced by Dr. Milton J. Meyers, general chairman of the drive.

Officers of the Andover Service Club were installed at last Thursday night's meeting at the Andover Inn.

The resignation of Arthur J. Beer Jr., 13 Memorial Circle, as a member of the newly-formed rent control board has been submitted to the board.

A proposal to have benefits of Andover servicemen's fund extended to include Korean vet-

erans was discussed last night at a meeting of the commanders of the town's four veteran organizations and the trustees of the fund.

■ **25 Years Ago - 1978**

Chairman Anne Moriarty of the Student Advisory Council told the school committee Tuesday night that SAC is planning a High School Bloodmobile for Nov. 13, with a goal of 125 donors.

Though given approval by the majority of the Finance Committee for a higher figure, the School Committee Tuesday night decided to ask next week's Town Meeting for a \$195,000 bond to finance computer equipment only, not to include any computer-assisted instruction.

- Compiled by Townsman intern **Kyle McCauley**

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Education

More redistricting in West Andover?

Suggestions look to address school over-enrollments; High Plain Elementary is targeted

By Ben Hellman

HIGH PLAIN Elementary School, which opened in the fall 2002 already full, is now over its capacity, and Superintendent Claudia Bach recently suggested that a "mini-redistricting" for West Andover schools could be a possible solution.

Bach laid out plans for a task force that would study the matter at last week's School Committee meeting.

According to numbers presented by School Business Manager Bernie Tuttle, High Plain Elementary already has five students more than the building is designed to hold.

Tuttle's five-year projection shows that High Plain will experience overcapacity years through the fall of 2008, peaking during the 2005-06 school year with 598 students — 34 more than the building's capacity.

Bach said the idea is a preliminary one, but she suggested people who would be on such a redistricting task force. Bach

suggested Tuttle, retired transportation coordinator Carol Znamierowski, new transportation coordinator Jonnelle Derby, parent representatives from the nine schools and two School Committee representatives would make up the committee, if needed.

Bernie Tuttle, school business manager, says High Plain Elementary already has five students more than the building is designed to hold.

High Plain PTO mom Martha Hyslip said she would not want to see her daughter redistricted to another school if such a plan were to be pursued.

Hyslip's daughter is in the fourth grade, which has been spared from the highest class sizes at the school, and she attended Shawsheen Elementary and West Elementary before the first redistricting moved her to High Plain.

Hyslip said if her daughter moved back to West Elementary, she would spend only a year there before going to Wood Hill Middle School, which is located in the same building complex that houses High Plain.

"I think they need a little more continuity than that," said

Hyslip.

Hyslip acknowledged that building overcrowding is a problem at High Plain and she understands why Bach is considering such options.

She said a mini-redistricting would be a complicated procedure and suggested the best approach might be to make the redistricting optional, or to allow fifth-graders to be "grandfathered" so they can stay at the school their final year at the elementary level.

Parents of High Plain third-graders were offered the chance to voluntarily transfer their children to Sanborn or West elementary schools last summer to avoid being in classes of 29 students.

Only one parent accepted the offer, and the administration later solved the problem by hiring a new teacher.

Principal Brenda O'Brien could not be reached before *Townsmen* presstime to comment on the idea of a mini-redistricting.

AHS crowding

AHS enrollments are also expected to grow. The high school is expected to house 1,816 students — 66 over the building's capacity by the 2005-06 school year and continue

being overenrolled until 2008. Bach laid out a number of possible solutions, saying a group should be formed to study the matter.

Some suggestions Bach

offered to the School Committee by memo were to:

- build an addition to the school;
- purchase or rent portable classrooms; or

• keep ninth-graders at middle schools, "assuming there is space and that the community would accept moving away from the middle-school concept."

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

By Ben Hellman

Police request better signage

Andover Police have requested the town install pedestrian signs at the intersection of Dascomb and Lovejoy roads, said Safety Officer Bob Cronin.

The police recommendation comes after 20 families petitioned the school department for a bus for elementary-school-age kids from the Fieldstone Meadows area.

Cronin studied and then advised the School Committee on the Dascomb-Lovejoy Road and River Street-Laconia Drive intersections after parents expressed concerns about the areas. Cronin did not recommend that the committee changes any bus stops or walking routes. "I didn't see any problems with the locations," said Cronin.

Cronin said Andover Police keep a close eye on the places where kids walk and wait for the bus, but, in the end, parents decide what is safe for their kids. "We're constantly looking at things. We have a great relationship with the (school) transportation department," said Cronin.

However, he also said, "The final decision maker is absolutely going to be the parents."

High Plain Harvest Festival set

High Plain Elementary School parents have pulled out the stops for their fall Harvest Festival this Saturday, said PTO mom Martha Hyslip. In addition to fun and games for kids all ages, 12 or more vendors, including Mary Kay and Tupperware, will hawk their wares and the school's charity coat drive will begin.

"It is a lot of work. The girls who have been working on this have been working since June," said Hyslip.

A candy hunt, face painting and crafts for kids will be some of the activities available for kids. There will also be sack and relay races for different age groups, if weather permits, said Hyslip.

Starting the coat drive during the event will allow parents to drop off coats instead of sending them to school in kids' backpacks, said Hyslip. Anton's Cleaners has agreed to clean donated coats for free. The coats will be donated to Lazarus House.

The festival will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, with a cap of \$20 for a family. Admission includes a lunch of pizza, soda and cookies. There will also be a bake sale and Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be sold.

Ay Caramba!

Wood Hill Middle School eighth-graders spiced up Spanish class with an unusual fashion show last week. Nerdy techies, female hillbillies and a Fed Ex/UPS showdown were part of the educational fiesta.

Students of Norma Villarreal were studying vocabulary connected to appearance, so Villarreal had the students create characters and write short pieces about who they were and what they were wearing. The students then stood in front of the class and strutted their stuff.

Student Nima Haghighi-Mood looked like a stereotypical nerdy student whose experiment had

gone wrong. Using duct tape for straps, he wore a computer tower on his back and had a keyboard hanging in front of him.

Nima was one of four students who were "the techies." They wore their pants high and had pocket protectors firmly in place.

"We all like computers and stuff, so we decided to be techies," he said.

Villarreal grades the students on grammar, pronunciation, creativity, teamwork and how they perform, which she said fits into the differentiated learning system that is being piloted at Wood Hill.

She said the assignment is a popular one.

"They're so excited to come to class for these few weeks," she said.



Sara Hurchlik struck an exuberant pose at the fashion event.



Alyssa Karahalios represented a kind-hearted princess.



Wood Hill Middle School eighth-graders Andre Machado, Eric Lee and Sam Kim posed as characters from the *Matrix* film trilogy in the Spanish class fashion show.

SCIENCE SCHOLAR



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Laura Schoenherr of Andover (center), a senior at Phillips Academy, is one of 24 students nationwide to receive a Siemens Award for Advanced Placement. A scholarship check was presented to her by Joel P. Bernard (right), strategic marketing director for Siemens Business Services, at a special ceremony Friday, Oct. 10, in the Trustees Room at Phillips Academy. The award is given to students who achieve high scores on eight math and science AP examinations, which are taken by more than 100,000 students each year. Schoenherr also received a state Senate citation for her accomplishment, presented by Les Bernal (left), chief of staff for Sen. Sue Tucker. Attending the event were Schoenherr's parents, Elizabeth Korn of Andover and Brian Schoenherr of Andover; sister Karen Schoenherr; Vincent Avery, dean of studies; John Rogers, chair of the Science Division; and numerous members of the Phillips Academy science faculty. Schoenherr was born and raised in Andover. She took her first AP class in her freshman year of high school. In fifth grade, her math teacher gave the most talented students the opportunity to study independently. By the end of the year, she had completed the seventh-grade math curriculum and was selected to participate in a science enrichment program offered by the Genetics Institute. This past summer, she was an intern at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., where she gained first-hand experience in molecular biology. Both experiences furthered her interest in science. Schoenherr is looking at colleges with strong science programs, such as John Hopkins, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard and Stanford, and would like to major in science. She would like to follow the path of her grandfather, a biochemist, who at age 75 still enjoys working full time at a lab. Whatever career she chooses, she would like to have a positive impact on society, she said.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

The following Andover students at Phillips Academy have been named Commended Students in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program: Heidi Adlman, Benjamin Bloom, Christina Der, Stephen Draheim, Abhinay Eswarappa, Leon Fay, James Feigenbaum, Ariel Gold, Alanna Hughes, Katherine Nelson, Stephen Russell, Ilana Segall, Rachel Shack, Arianna Warsaw-Fan and Benjamin Waters.

They placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2004 competition and are among 34,000 students throughout the nation who will receive letters of commendation in recognition of their exceptional academic promise.

"The young people being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program," said a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corp. "These young people represent a very valuable national resource."

More than 1,600 high school seniors were named Semifinalists in the 40th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program, an academic competition for Black American high school students. These scholastically promising young men and women now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for over 775 Achievement Scholarship awards, worth some \$2.7 million, that will be offered in the spring.

Three semifinalists from Phillips Academy include Clara D. Ameny, Malika K. Felix and Knef D. King.

The National Achievement Program was initiated in 1964 to honor outstanding black youth and to increase their educational opportunities.

Achievement Scholarship awards offered in 2004 will be supported by corporate organizations, professional associations, higher education institutions, and NMSC's own funds.

To be considered for a scholarship, Semifinalists now must advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling several additional requirements. Scholarship winners will be selected from the Finalist group.

Power outages cause West Middle, Andover High to close

Flashlights were needed to get to the bathrooms at Sanborn Elementary School yesterday, Wednesday, as it was one of three schools that lost power in Wednesday morning's severe wind and rain storm.

While power outages officially closed West Middle and Andover High schools around 9 a.m., Sanborn stayed open.

The elementary school on Lovejoy Road has a generator that was working to keep some lights on and power was working in the cafeteria, so lunch was served. It's a one-story building so school officials were not worried about dark stairways.

However, stairs are a must for classes at West Middle and the high school, so those buildings were closed.

Andover Police Safety Officer Robert Cronin said trees were down all over town and power was out in several places, including Shawsheen Road, where West Middle and the high school are located. As of *Townsmen* presstime, he was not sure what caused the outages.

"My guess is that downed trees knocked out power," he said. "That's the problem all over town. Trees are down everywhere."

Calls to Mass Electric were answered by a recording stating the company was working on the outages in Andover.

— Judy Wakefield

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Monday: Tuna sandwich with chicken noodle soup, bakery pizza, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Oven-baked chicken with corn and cranberry sauce, pizza stick with soft pretzel, chocolate chip pancakes with ham, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with marinara sauce, bakery pizza, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie, brownie and milk.

Thursday: Chicken McSchool, slice of pizza, french toast sticks with sausage, fruit, veggie, milk and vanilla pudding.

Friday: Cheeseburger with potato puffs, hot dog with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Macaroni and meatballs, baked chicken nuggets with potato puffs, nachos with taco meat and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken with mashed potato, chicken McSchool, steak and cheese sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, pizza stick with two soft pretzels, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Waffles with sausages and syrup, ham and cheese sub, baked chicken nuggets with potato puffs, fruit, veggie, pudding and milk.

Friday: Chicken pot pie, beef-and-cheese sub with fries, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Chicken a la king over rice, bakery pizza, macaroni and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Beef-and-cheese sub, bakery pizza, spaghetti and meat sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Meatloaf with potato and gravy, stuffed crust pizza, chicken parm sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Chicken McSchool with chips, bakery pizza, baked stuffed shells, fruit, veggie and milk.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.



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Business

BRIEFS

Toby Daley named senior VP

Andover native Toby Daley has been hired by Finard & Co., as senior vice president, director of asset and property management.

Daley joins Finard & Company from RREEF, where he managed the Boston office asset management team. Prior to that, he worked at Cabot Industrial Trust, which was acquired by RREEF as part of a joint venture. Daley spent much of his early career as a property manager with several Boston firms, including Leggatt McCall Properties. He managed Leggatt McCall Properties' Washington, D.C. operations, and later their Boston area portfolio.



Toby Daley

"Toby Daley has a very strong asset management background, combined with a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the property management business," said Robert Lemons, managing partner at Finard & Company. "His insight and experience with institutional owners and investors will enable us to provide even greater value to our clients."

Finard & Company is a real estate service firm headquartered in Burlington, with regional offices throughout the Northeast.

Resident starts Buyers Broker

Jack McSweeney, a resident of Andover, has started Andover Buyers Broker Inc. The firm represents buyers in real estate, specializing in the Andover area, Lake Winnepesaukee and Cape Cod. Don Earnshaw, formerly of Andover, now residing in Harwich, will handle the Cape Cod area for the company.



Jack McSweeney

Buyers brokers represent the buyers' interests in real estate transactions. The company takes no listings, but can refer customers to agents who do list homes. The firm is a member of Multiple Listing Service in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The company is a member of the Northeast Association of Realtors, the Lakes Region Board of Realtors and the Cape Cod Association of Realtors.

Organic food event under tent this weekend at Wild Oats

The successful selling of Krispy Kreme doughnuts in Andover — 1,100 dozen of them recently sold at two school open houses and High Plain Elementary will join the craze at its upcoming fall festival — prompted the marketing director of a local supermarket to call the *Townsmen* about a healthy alternative to doughnut events happening this Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lorrie Castelli of Wild Oats said 15 vendors will be pushing their "all-natural and organic" wares under a tent at the Wild Oats Natural Marketplace at 40 Railroad St. that day. The natural and organic foods retailer is having its free, in-store "Organic Harvest" event to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the USDA's implementation of national standards for organic products.

In the last 10 years, consumers have become increasingly aware of the benefits of organic foods. In answer to growing consumer demand to know where their food comes from, approximately one year ago (Oct. 21, 2002) the USDA set a new standard that required that any product using the word "organic" on the label must be certified by a USDA accredited certifier.

At the celebration, Wild Oats will feature organic gift basket and food-hydrator giveaways, as well as samples of organic products, fresh deli salads, organic cheeses, fresh-baked artisan breads with organic olive dipping oil, organic meat and fish and all-natural skin care products.

"The implementation of the new organic labeling standards was a tremendous victory for Wild Oats and our customers," said Robert Quinn, Andover Wild Oats store director. "We have been on the forefront of this movement for several years and it's wonderful to share our enthusiasm for organics with our customers through this fun and informative event."



Donations for hot-air-balloon rides will go to two local youth centers.

Local promotion means hot-air balloon rides available Oct. 19

Saying "thanks for the business" is the theme of this weekend's balloon-ride event for customers hosted by two local real-estate agents.

Realtors Debbie Moore and Paula Tuttle of Re/Max Partners at 44 Park St. are hosting the event on Sunday, Oct. 19, weather permitting.

The agents have invited clients to the event being staged at Smolak Farm on South Bradford Street in North Andover. Inflation of the red, white and blue Re/Max hot air balloon starts at 3 p.m. while rides for the public will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. The realtors are mixing some community spirit with the event as donations will be accepted and then given to the new youth center proposed for Andover and a youth center in North Andover. "Kids from both youth centers will be there to help," said Moore. "This is just something Re/Max likes to do for clients."

Moore said a private client party will take place on a private part of the farm while the balloon rides are open to the public.

The seven-stories-tall balloon is the corporate logo for Re/Max real estate offices worldwide. Re/Max is the owner of the largest corporate hot air balloon fleet in the world, according to the company.

— Judy Wakefield

MV Chamber event

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's human resource association will offer "Strategies for Employers to Protect Their Employees against Domestic Violence," next Thursday, Oct. 23, from 8:30 to 10:10 a.m. at GuestHouse Inn & Suites, 159A Pelham St., Methuen.

The cost is \$15 for association members, \$20 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. The cost includes a breakfast buffet. Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

Local lawyer appeals decision on downtown doughnut shop

Says Dunkin' Donuts should not get break on parking

By Andrea Gregory

The signs in the window at 93 Main St. say Dunkin' Donuts is coming soon, but an appeal of the town's approval may have something different to say about the issue.

Philip Sullivan has filed appeals against both the Planning Board and zoning board's decisions to allow Frank Pino, owner of the Dunkin' Donuts shops in Andover, to set up shop at 93 Main St. formerly home of Andover Video. One of Pino's Dunkin' Donuts was located across the street, at 96½ Main St., until Sept. 15. When Pino's lease for 96½ Main St. ended, he was not offered a new one. Instead, a new coffee shop, Ultimate Perk, will open at that location.

The appeal does not mention a reason why Sullivan is opposed to having Dunkin' Donuts move across the street from its former location. It does state that Sullivan, trustee of Caronell Court Realty Trust, owns a multi-family building at 1 Pynchard Ave. and is an attorney at 2 Pynchard Ave. Andrew Caffrey, Sullivan's lawyer, said he did not wish to comment on his client's opposition.

"It's almost like a technical argument," said Steve Colyer, planning director. "He's not saying traffic is going to affect him or the smell of roasting coffee is going to affect him."

Sullivan's appeals claim both town boards acted arbitrary and capricious, exceeding their authority when granting special

permits, and that the boards' decisions are not supported by the facts presented to them during public hearings.

His appeal claims the Planning Board is not authorized to issue a special permit to reduce the number of parking spaces the store must have. Colyer said he believes town bylaws do give the Planning Board that right.

Sullivan's appeal of the zoning board's decision takes things a step further and states its decision is unlawful "because the board has not detailed the specific findings necessary to satisfy the granting of a special permit, but merely recites that '...the board believes that the proposed facility to the bylaw's special permit criteria.'"



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

James Norton was one of hundreds to stop by the popular Taste of Andover event at Old Town Hall on Main Street last year to taste a variety of offerings from Andover establishments.

16 spots to choose from at 2003 Taste of Andover

The Andover Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring its annual fall "Taste of Andover" event for business owners in Andover and the public at large.

This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Andover's Old Town Hall on Main Street, also known as the Town House.

Taste of Andover is an opportunity to sample hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and other menu items from 16 local restaurants and food-service facilities, while relaxing and socializing. Those who attend will enjoy sampling specialties from the following food-service facilities participating in the year's event.

Establishments involved are Andover Country Club, Andover Inn, Bistro Cassis, The Blue Cow, Wild Oats, Glory, Palmer's Restaurant, Raspberries, Justin's of Andover, Sweet Mimi's, Vincenzo's, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Wyndham Hotel, A Hot Dish (a personal catering service), Marland Place and Pasta Villaggio.

As in the past, organizers hope to encourage

not only Andover businesses, but Andover residents to attend. Only 400 tickets to the event will be sold. Organizers said admission to the popular event will be limited for comfort and safety reasons.

Old Town Hall will be adorned with arrangements from local florists, and background music will be courtesy of the Gary Michaels Orchestra. Additional parking in the downtown Andover Area will be available, courtesy of Banknorth, First Essex Bank, and The Savings Bank. Tickets are \$20 each, and are available only by contacting the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900.

Tickets must be presented at the door to gain admittance to the event. No tickets will be sold at the door. The proceeds will benefit the Andover Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund.

Conlan Products of Lawrence, owned by Larry and Denise Conlan, will again donate the paper products for the evening. Conlan Products is located on Shepard Street in the Industrial park in Lawrence.

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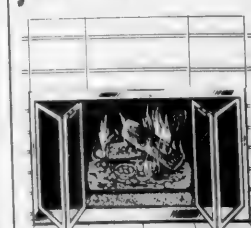
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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Alive and kicking

Booters beat St. John's; Mancuso back in the pool

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High golf team qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament, the boys soccer team registered a landmark 2-0 victory over much-heralded St. John's Prep, and Liz Mancuso returned to the water for the girls swim and dive team to highlight another busy week for Warriors varsity sports teams.

BOYS SOCCER

The Andover High boys varsity soccer team recorded one of its most impressive victories in recent years, stunning perennial power and Eastern Mass. Top 10 team St. John's Prep of Danvers 2-0 in a non-league game at Lovely Field.

"I believe it's the first time we've ever beaten them," said Golden Warriors coach Mike Wartman. "It was a very satisfying win."

AHS was less successful in its attempt to knock off undefeated Lowell, dropping a 4-1 decision to the Red Raiders Tuesday night under the lights in Lowell.

The split left Andover at 8-5-1 overall, including 5-4-1 in Merrimack Valley Conference play, as the locals remained one point away from Division 1 North Tournament qualification with three games remaining.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors host Chelmsford this evening (Thursday) at Lovely Field (5 p.m.), and wrap up regular season play next week with MVC road games on Tuesday afternoon in Windham, N.H. versus Central Catholic (3:30 p.m.) and Thursday night at Dracut (7 p.m.).

Leading scorers

Tim Bengston leads AHS through 14 games with nine goals and 11 assists. Jarrett Mackin has eight goals and four assists, Brian Thompson eight goals and three assists, Greg Spurr two goals, five assists and Vasilis Kostakis three goals. TWO ASSISTS.

Andover 2 St. John's Prep 0

The Golden Warriors scored once in each half and kept the visiting Eagles grounded with a strong defensive effort.

"It was our best overall team performance of the season," offered coach Wartman. "Everyone is aware how strong St. John's is and our guys, especially on defense, stepped up and played very well."

Senior forward Ryan D'Angelo's second goal of the season 13 minutes into the game opened the scoring.

Sophomore midfielder Brian Thompson knocked down an attempted clearing pass by SJP and fed D'Angelo for a shot that nestled in the corner.

AHS clung to the 1-0 advantage until midway through the second half, when senior defender Greg Morissette provided the insurance by notching his first varsity goal.

Bobby Grant was credited with the assist after winning a ball in the air and getting it to Morissette, who put a nice fake on the SJP defenders and blasted home a 25 yard shot.

Junior keeper Mike Canepa played the first 60 minutes in goal, making seven saves before a head injury forced him to the sidelines.

Senior Capt. Pat Twomey played the final 20 minutes and preserved the shutout with three more stops.

It was the sixth shutout of the season for Andover, and the second time the two keepers combined on a whitewash.

"Mike (Canepa) was shaken up after the collision, but fortunately we don't think it is anything serious," said coach Wartman.

Cited for strong play were Bobby Grant, senior midfielder Alex Toyoda, junior defender Brendan O'Connell and junior midfielder Vasilis Kostakis.

St. John's finished with a wide 21-7 edge in shots at net.

Lowell 4 Andover 1

This loss halted the Golden Warriors' undefeated streak at six games (5-0-1), and it also enabled Lowell to sweep the

season series (3-2 win on Sept. 9).

The victory clinched a third straight MVC 1 championship for the Red Raiders, who improved to 11-0-1 overall.

AHS notched its lone goal midway through the second half when Brian Thompson converted a pass from Jarrett Mackin.

Goalkeeper Pat Twomey finished with 10 saves, while stopper Tyler Hopkins and midfielder Greg Spurr turned in solid efforts.

"Lowell is the strongest team we've played this year," said coach Wartman. "They're very fast and skilled."

"We played well at the beginning of the game, but seemed to lose our intensity after they scored."

"We picked up our play again during parts of the second half," said Wartman. "But we didn't play a complete game. We have to work on going hard for the entire 80 minutes."

GOLF

The Andover High golf team, under first-year coach Ken Kwajewski, qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament and improved to 8-6 after splitting a pair of back-to-back Merrimack Valley Conference matches with Billerica.

The Golden Warriors belted BMHS 16-4 Tuesday afternoon at Indian Ridge Country Club, after suffering their worst defeat of the season by a lopsided 18 1/2 to 1 1/2 score several days earlier at the Country Club of Billerica.

Schedule

AHS played Tewksbury yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, at Trull Brook GC and hosts two-time reigning MVC champ Central Catholic this afternoon (Thursday) in the regular season finale at Indian Ridge.

MVC Individuals

Andover's top two players, senior Capt. Jason Edelstein and freshman Colin Brennan, will represent the Golden Warriors at the annual MVC Individual Championship next Thursday (Oct. 23) at Trull Brook Golf Club in Tewksbury.

The duo will be part of an 18-player field, two golfers from each of the nine conference teams, who will square off in an 18-hole medal play tourney.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

The Golden Warriors soccer team celebrates a goal against St. John's Prep last Saturday, Oct. 11. Goals by Ryan D'Angelo and Greg Morissette and a fine defensive effort blanked St. John's, 2-0.

The first group tees off at 11 a.m.

MIAA Tournament

Six players will compete for AHS next Monday at the annual Division 1 North Tournament to be hosted by Beverly Golf & Tennis.

This is also an 18-hole medal play event, and the top three or four teams in the field will advance to the State Division 1 Tournament.

Team scores will be determined by counting the low four scores among the six individual players.

At presstime Coach Kwajewski had not finalized the Andover roster for the Sectionals.

Andover 16 Billerica 4

Jason Edelstein was the overall medalist with an even-par 36, while Colin Brennan fired a one-over 37, and both won their individual head-to-head matches to spark the locals to the victory that clinched the tournament berth.

Edelstein won 3-and-2, Brennan 4-and-2, and the pair teamed up to earn their best ball point.

Other AHS winners were No. 3 Jon Derby (1-up), No. 6 Jon Yost (2-up), No. 7 Zach Gostanian (3-and-2) and freshman No. 8 Kevin Calabro (3-and-2).

Brian Retelle halved his match with Billerica's Tim Goldsmith.

Retelle/Yost and Gostanian/Calabro also collected best ball points to complete the scoring.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High girls varsity volleyball team improved to 12-1 overall, and 9-1 in the Merrimack Valley Conference, with a huge 2-0 victory over previously-undefeated Haverhill and a 2-0 cruise past winless Tewksbury.

Those triumphs left the Lady Warriors in a three-way tie for first place in MVC Division 1 with Chelmsford and Haverhill.

Five more conference matches remain, the final two at home against Chelmsford on Saturday night, Oct. 25 and against Haverhill on Monday night, Oct. 27 at the annual MVC Volleyball Night hosted by Chelmsford.

Schedule

AHS played its final non-league match last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, at Dual County League leader Newton South.

The locals have a pair of home matches upcoming at the Dunn Gym, Saturday night against Billerica and Monday afternoon versus Methuen.

Andover 2 Haverhill 0

The Lady Warriors' top effort of the season handed visiting Haverhill its first loss, creating a three-way tie for first in the MVC standings among Andover, Chelmsford and Haverhill (one loss each).

AHS won the opening game, 30-25, and rallied from a 26-21 deficit in game two to complete the sweep with a 30-28 victory at the Dunn Gym.

"We played as hard as we have all season," said coach Sullivan. "Haverhill played well but we expected them to do a lot of slides and we were ready."

"Adrienne Hinds played the left front at the net, and she is such a good blocker that Haverhill had to change it's hitting attack and they became frustrated."

"Jen Merinder did an outstanding job setting, and when we rallied from 26-21 in the third game it was tremendous defensive play by Stephanie Krey, Laura Lamontagne, Meagan Merinder and Hinds that made the difference."

The locals finished with 18 kills, four aces and made only three service errors — a big factor in the victory.

Top hitters for Andover were Ashley McLaughlin (18-for-22, seven kills), Sam Kerivan (15-for-15, three kills), Meagan Merinder (10-for-11, three kills), Hinds (9-for-10, three kills) and Krey (6-for-7, two kills).

Leading servers included Kerivan (15-for-15, one ace), McLaughlin (13-for-14), Laura Lamontagne (8-for-8, two aces), Hinds (8-for-8), Meagan Merinder (8-for-9, one ace) and Jen Merinder (4-for-5).

Brittany Pierce's excellent passing and the setting of Krey were also keys to the win.

In junior varsity prelim action, the Andover JV-A team improved to 10-2 with a come-from-behind 2-1 win (28-30,

30-22, 15-7) and the undefeated JV-B moved to 6-0 with a 2-0 (30-7, 30-16) triumph.

Andover 2 Tewksbury 0

Everybody played and the statistics were well-distributed in a 30-13, 30-16 romp over host Tewksbury.

Ashley McLaughlin, Matia Kostakis, Sam Kerivan and Meagan Merinder handled the bulk of the hitting.

A-Mac finished 8-for-11 with three kills, Kostakis 8-for-9 with two kills, Kerivan 7-for-8 with one kill and Merinder 7-for-10 with two kills.

Adrienne Hinds and Laura Lamontagne were both a perfect 16-for-16 serving, Hinds contributing three aces and Lamontagne two.

Other leading hitters were Grisel Vasquez (6-for-7, four kills), Stephanie Krey (4-for-5, three kills), Hinds (5-for-5, one kill), Jen Merinder and Kelly O'Dea (6-for-6, three aces), Kerivan (6-for-6), Meagan Merinder (3-for-3, one ace) and Erin Korte (2-for-2).

The Andover JV-A team improved to 11-2 with a 2-0 sweep in the prelim. Caitlin Toland leading the way with her serving prowess.

The undefeated JV-B made it 7-0 with a 30-12, 30-14 sweep.

Chelmsford 2 Andover 0

The Lions won this mid-season showdown convincingly with 30-26 and 30-22 wins at the Conrad Gym in Chelmsford.

Chelmsford improved to 6-1 in the MVC as it remained in a tight three-way first-place battle with Andover and undefeated Haverhill.

"We weren't ready to play for some reason," said coach Sullivan. "This was obviously a bad match not to show up for."

"We knew everything Chelmsford was going to do but we didn't respond. They always try to go after our better players and hope they fold."

"When you look at the stats it seems like we won the match — but of course we didn't," said Sullivan.

"Chelmsford is smaller than us, but they are more mobile. We're bigger, slower and they took advantage of that."

Andover fell behind 7-0 at the start of the first game, battled back to tie the score twice but never got over the hump.

Ashley McLaughlin finished 20-for-21 hitting and 4-for-4 serving with four kills and one ace.

Megan Merinder was 9-for-10 hitting, with one kill, and 2-for-5 serving.

Adrienne Hinds contributed two kills, one ace, 7-for-8 hitting and 7-for-8 serving.

Sam Kerivan was 9-for-12 hitting, with one kill, and 4-for-4 serving with one ace.

Grisel Vasquez contributed 12-for-13 hitting, 3-for-4 serving, three kills and one ace.

Matia Kostakis went 8-for-9 hitting, with one kill, and Jen Merinder was 6-for-10 serving with two aces.

Laura Lamontagne was perfect with

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FOOTBALL

Warriors trounce host Tewksbury, 34-6

By Rick Harrison

A VIRTUOSO PERFORMANCE by sophomore standout Buddy Farnham sparked the Andover High varsity football team to its third blowout victory of the season, as the Golden Warriors blasted host Tewksbury 34-6 at Doucette Stadium.

Wide receiver/free safety Farnham found three different ways to score, returning an intercepted pass 41 yards for a first-quarter touchdown and then breaking the game open with a 53 yard TD run and 10 yard pass reception from quarterback Geoff Stevens in the fourth period.

For AHS, which has alternated wins and losses over the first five weeks of the season, the victory hiked the overall record to 3-2 and the Merrimack Valley Conference mark to 2-1.

Chelmsford is the only team still undefeated in conference play at 3-0, while Andover is now tied for second with Lowell and Tewksbury at 2-1. Billerica, Haverhill and Central Catholic also have only one league loss (1-1).

Coincidentally, the locals three wins have been by similar scores: 34-7 over North Andover, 34-6 over Methuen and 34-6 over Tewksbury.

Coach Ken Maglio's crew is not far from being a perfect 5-0, having clearly outplayed Lowell in a 7-6 loss while beating itself with penalties and turnovers in a 30-19 defeat to Wilmington (4-1 record).

Of the six remaining AHS opponents three of them, namely Haverhill, Dracut and Billerica, will be underdogs against the Golden Warriors.

The other three are teams favored to beat Andover.

Three-time reigning MVC champ Chelmsford (4-1), undefeated defending New Hampshire Division 2 titlist Exeter High (6-0) and Thanksgiving Day opponent Central Catholic (4-1) are all serious playoff/Super Bowl contenders.

Andover forced Tewksbury to turn the ball over five times, three lost fumbles and two pass interceptions, and three of the mistakes led directly to AHS touchdowns.

The locals opened the scoring on their first possession, marching 63 yards in seven plays before top rusher Matt Hennessy broke up the middle and shed several would-be Redmen tacklers on an impressive 32 yard TD run.

Junior running back Hennessy finished with 112 yards on 14 carries, the fourth time the 197-pounder has surpassed 100 yards in a game, as he boosted his season total to 527 yards.

Joel Keefe added the first of his four successful PAT kicks (13 for the season) to make it 7-0.

After an exchange of punts, with less than two minutes remaining in the opening period, Farnham stepped in front of a pass by Tewksbury junior QB Tyler Michaeliewicz at the Redmen 41 yard line.

He returned the pick swiftly to the end zone for the first of his three TDs.

Andover hiked the lead to 21-0 by halftime after junior quarterback Geoff Stevens snuck over from the one yard line for his fourth touch-

down of the season.

TMHS, coming off consecutive MVC wins over Haverhill and Dracut, put together its only sustained scoring drive of the day early in the third quarter.

Ace running back Bill Fabiano, who entered the game with 362 yards in three starts (120.7 per game average), keyed a 10-play, 64-yard march before slicing across from six yards out for his sixth TD of the season.

The Golden Warriors' defense did an outstanding job against Fabiano for the rest of the afternoon, holding him to 56 net yards on 16 carries.

A short time later a poor center snap on an Andover punt attempt gave Tewksbury the ball at the AHS 39, providing a golden opportunity to climb back into the game.

But then Andover junior defensive back John Fox produced the second interception of the day and returned the ball back near midfield.

Early in the fourth quarter the host team fumbled at the Golden Warriors' 33, setting the stage for a 53 yard TD run on a reverse by the fleet Farnham.

A 10 yard Stevens-to-Farnham touchdown pass with less than four minutes to play capped the scoring.

The Golden Warriors have outscored their first five opponents by a healthy 127-56 margin. Farnham tops the balanced scoring parade

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AHS ROUNDUP

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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8-for-8 serving, one ace and 2-for-2 hitting.

The team finished 67-for-76 hitting, with 10 kills, and 40-for-49 serving with seven aces.

Kristina Martell led Chelmsford with eight kills and seven blocks, while Jenn O'Rourke added eight kills.

Julie Brodie contributed 11 service points, 15-for-15 serving and nine digs in a strong all-around effort.

Setter Maxine Barry finished with 18 assists and defensive standouts were Hayley Comeau and Kristine Hanlon.

Andover 2

Cambridge Rindge & Latin 0

The Lady Warriors rolled to a 30-15 victory in the opening game at the Dunn Gym, and then had to buckle down in the second game for a tight 30-27 win.

"In the back of our players' minds they feel they can always rally and win if they fall behind — because we've done it a lot this season," said Sullivan. "That's why we had a bit of a letdown in the second game."

"But we have a big (tall) team and we were able to dominate on the crucial points."

AHS finished the match 50-for-58 hitting and 55-for-60 serving, registering 11 kills and 12 aces.

With Holy Cross volleyball coaches in the stands scouting her, Meagan Merinder went 14-for-15 serving and 9-for-9 hitting with two kills and three aces.

"Meagan was a little uptight with the college scouts watching, but she played well and impressed them," said Sullivan.

Ashley McLaughlin, headed to Holy Cross on a basketball scholarship, added six kills, two aces, 12-for-13 hitting and 7-for-7 serving.

Other leading hitters included Sam Kerivan (11-for-15, four kills), Matia Kostakis (9-for-10), Adrienne Hinds (7-for-8) and Steph Krey.

Laura Lamontagne was 15-for-16 serving, with one ace, while Jen Merinder finished 10-for-12 with four aces, sophomore Kelly O'Dea 6-for-7 with two aces and Kerivan 3-for-3.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Andover High field hockey team, embroiled in a torrid three-way battle with Chelmsford and Tewksbury for the Merrimack Valley Conference championship, retained a wafer-thin lead atop the standings after whitewashing Tyngsboro, 2-0, and struggling to a 0-0 tie with stubborn Lowell.

Those results boosted the Lady Warriors to 11-1-1 overall, 10-1-1 in league action and extended the Lady Warriors' undefeated streak to 10 games.

At presstime Tewksbury was 9-2-1 in conference play and Chelmsford 8-1-3 with four MVC games left for each team. AHS has registered seven consecutive shutouts and nine whitewashes in its last 10 games.

The locals have allowed only four goals in 13 games this fall while outscoring the opposition by a wide 33-4 margin.

Schedule

Andover, which has been idle for a week, returns to action tomorrow afternoon (Friday) when it hosts Methuen (3:30 p.m.).

Next week the locals wrap up regular season play with four games in five days.

AHS hosts Haverhill Monday night (7 p.m.), and then plays three straight road games Wednesday afternoon at Tewksbury, Thursday afternoon at Lawrence and Friday afternoon at non-league Bedford (all 3:30 p.m.).

The Lawrence game was re-scheduled for a second time, originally postponed Oct. 3 by an unplayable (wet) field and again this past Tuesday because the Lancers had a conflict with another makeup game.

Leading scorers

Adrienne Shea, who has scored 50 percent of the team's goals this season, tops the Andover point parade with 17 goals in 13 games. Jamie Maltz has three goals and seven assists, Krissy Levis two goals and eight assists, Jacqui Munro one goal, eight assists and Allison Abreau three goals, two assists.

Andover 2

Tyngsboro 0

Adrienne Shea stuck in her 16th and 17th goals of the season at 6:20 and 17:46 of the second half to lift the Lady Warriors past stubborn host Tyngsboro under the lights at Lambeau Field.

Both goals came off corners and both were double-assisted by Jacqui Munro and Krissy Levis.

Elissa Slovin finished with seven saves, including several difficult ones on scrambles, as AHS held an 18-7 shooting edge.

"Tyngsboro played an outstanding first half," said coach Maureen Noone, whose team also struggled in a 1-0 win over the Tigers earlier this season. "They're the best 2-7-1 team I've ever seen."

"They know how to keep the ball out of the net. They move well and put a lot of pressure on our defense. In the second half, our kids realized they had to go to the ball and it paid off."

Coach Noone praised the play of forward Jamie Maltz, defenders Brittany Wadbrook and Ali McCoy, midfielders Levis and Munro.

Andover 0

Lowell 0

Host Lowell (6-4-3), beaten 4-0 by Andover back on Sept. 19, received an outstanding 12-save performance from goaltender Kathryn Trombly on the way to the tie.

It was only the second time this fall the Lady Warriors have been shut out (1-0 loss to Chelmsford Sept. 15).

"This was our third game in a four-day stretch and our girls looked tired," said coach Noone. "Between injuries, illness and physical fatigue we just weren't 100 percent and didn't play up to potential."

Goaltender Elissa Slovin made seven saves to chalk up her seventh straight shutout, and eighth solo whitewash of the season.

Also playing well for the locals were

right inner (forward) Jamie Maltz, midfielder/defender Stephanie Sweeney and midfielder Krissy Levis.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

The Andover High girls swim and dive team swamped host Haverhill, 106-72, Tuesday afternoon in a dual meet at the Hillies' White Natatorium.

That lopsided triumph enabled the four-time reigning state champs to improve to 9-0 overall this season and 7-0 in the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The victory also stretched the five-year win streak to 59 straight dual meets.

With three MVC meets left, the locals are on the verge of winning their fifth straight conference title.

Schedule

Andover swims a home meet against Methuen tomorrow at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool (3:30 p.m.).

The postponed season opener versus Nashua, N.H. High has been re-scheduled for next Monday, Oct. 20 at Greater Lawrence, and the annual title showdown against likewise-undefeated Chelmsford will conclude the regular season next Friday (Oct. 24) at GLT.

Andover 106

Haverhill 72

Senior standout Liz Mancuso, sidelined all season by administrative red tape, made a triumphant and somewhat emotional return to competition in this meet.

Mancuso didn't skip a beat as she placed first with state-cut times in the 50 free (24.97) and 100 free (55.65), and anchored both the victorious 200 medley and 200 free relays.

"It was great to see Liz back in the water where she belongs," said coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. "Hopefully she'll be able to go the rest of the way with us."

Mancuso was joined by two other double winners, Caitlin Doherty and Diana Harlow, as Andover put one of its strongest lineups out for this meet.

Doherty touched first in the 200 free (2:00.79) and 500 free (5:18.18), while Harlow was tops in the 200 IM (2:15.59) and 100 butterfly (1:03.45).

Other victors were Jen Geary with a state-cut 1:05.39 in the 100 backstroke, and Amy Caron at 1:13.13 in the 100 breaststroke.

Joining Mancuso on the 200 medley relay were Candice Peak, Caron and Caitlin Doherty (1:58.75), while the 200 free quartet also included Tiffany Petzold, Jen McDonald and Peak (3:38.09).

The relay sweep was completed by the first-place 400 free crew of Harlow, Caitlin Doherty, Petzold and Peak (3:58.11).

Petzold chalked up a pair of second places in the 200 free (2:05.94) and 100 back (1:05.92).

Other runners-up were Caron (200 IM, 2:20.24), McDonald (50 free, 26.86), Carolyn Cody (100 fly, 1:06.18) and Peak

(1:15.73).

Ann Marie Cashman was second in the one-meter diving with an outstanding score of 216.25 points.

Second-place relays were the 200 medley foursome of Harlow, Amanda Saunders, Cody and McDonald (2:03.53), the 200 free team of Tracy O'Malley, Caron, Cody and Lauren Grobicki (1:52.12), and the 400 free squad of Geary, Kerry Gaj, Saunders and O'Malley (4:09.52).

Capping event sweeps by finishing third were Cody in the 200 free (sectional cut 2:07.81), Jackie Leahy in the 200 IM (2:25.73), Grobicki in the 50 free (28.24) and Erin McAuliffe in the 100 back (1:07.51).

McAuliffe also placed third in the 100 free (1:07.77) and Saunders was third in the 500 free (state-cut 5:38.32).

Casey Frost finished third (186.35 points) and Libby Fortier fourth (175.05 points) in the diving.

Also fourth were Liz Pallotta (100 fly, 1:09.41), O'Malley (100 free, 1:01.19) and Jamie Kapelson (500 free (5:40.95).

Cassandra Valler was fifth in the 100 breast (1:18.15).

The loss was only the second of the season for Haverhill (5-2).

Andover 91

Dracut 87

In a meet that was nowhere near as close as the final score, the Lady Warriors were in complete control throughout.

AHS placed first in 10 events and swept the top three spots in the 200 IM, 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke, 400 free relay and one-meter diving.

It was another outstanding performance by the diving corps with Casey Frost chalking up a state-cut 185.95 points, second-place Michelle Guy finishing at 165.25 and Andrea Coiro completing the sweep with 150.70.

Caitlin Doherty continued her impressive string of performances as she won the 200 IM in a state-cut 2:15.31. She has now qualified for the State Meet in six of the eight individual swim events.

Amy Caron contributed a first-place state-cut time in the 100 fly (1:04.75), while Carolyn Cody's winning 1:09.15 clocking in the 100 back was a sectional cut.

Touching first with personal-best times were Caitlin Carpentier in the 50 free (27.43) and Rita Gillan in the 500 free (6:06.50).

Amanda Saunders was tops in the 100 breast (1:19.40), with the sweep achieved by second-place Tracy O'Malley (1:23.28) and Kerry Gaj (1:24.46).

Finishing 2-3 to Cody in the backstroke were Lauren Grobicki (1:15.25) and Phoungnu Nguyen (1:16.25).

Christina Casey was second (1:06.31) and Courtney Hamer third (1:10.31) in the 100 fly.

Backing up Doherty's swift 200 IM time were Jenny Geary in a sectional-cut 2:26.78 and Hamer with a 2:33.22.

Caron, Liz Pallotta, Tiffany Petzold and Candice Peak placed first in the 400 free relay (4:04.37).

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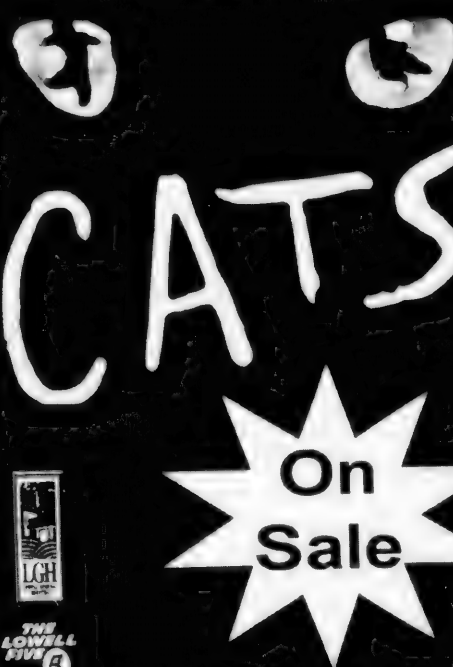


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AHS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

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Second in the same race was the four-some of Cassandra Valler, Jamie Kapelson, Jenny Meltz and Jen McDonald (4:15.15), while third went to Carpenter, Nguyen, Margaret Doherty and Grobicki (4:30.18).

Other victorious relays were the 200 medley team of Erin McAuliffe, Petzold, Pallotta and Peak (2:04.12), along with the 200 free crew of Pallotta, Kapelson, Caitlin Doherty and Peak (1:50.65).

Gaj, Saunders, Kapelson and O'Malley placed second in the 200 medley relay (2:08.81) while Valler, McAuliffe, Leahy and McDonald were the runner-up squad in the 200 free relay (1:53.21).

Adding individual thirds were Ellen Delisio (200 free, 2:27.68), Leahy (50 free, 28.00) and Meltz (100 free, 1:03.90).

Placing fourth for AHS were Margaret Doherty (200 free, 2:27.71) and Liz Cremin (100 free, 1:06.00).

Fifths were garnered by Monica Chung (200 free, 2:28.31), Danielle Perry (50 free, 32.94) and Jackie Booth (500 free, personal-best 7:15.15).

Amy Kasparian finished sixth in the

100 free (1:19.28).

Andover 103 Lowell 75

Once again the Lady Warriors were tops in 10 events and swept the 100 free.

Caitlin Doherty touched first in the 100 backstroke with a swift 1:03.09 time, producing her seventh state cut of the season.

The only event she has not nailed down a state cut is the 100 breaststroke, and she will likely swim that race against Methuen to make it 8-for-8.

In the past only All-Scholastics Sally and Connie Brown achieved that distinction at AHS, although in the All-State Meet swimmers can only compete in two individual events.

Candice Peak also posted her sixth state cut with a winning 2:19.40 time in the 200 IM. She is missing only the 500 free and 100 butterfly.

"Caitlin and Candice are two talented, talented young ladies and the sky's the limit where they are concerned," said coach Fitzgerald.

Other race winners were Amy Caron in the 200 free (2:09.40), Lauren Grobicki in the 50 free (personal-best 27.09), Diana Harlow (100 butterfly, state-cut 1:03.22),

Carolyn Cody (100 free, sectional-cut 58.93) and Tiffany Petzold (500 free, state-cut 5:32.59).

The 200 medley relay of Peak, Petzold, Christina Casey and Doherty was first in 2:03.77.

Tracy O'Malley, Grobicki, Rita Gillan and Jen McDonald won the 200 free relay in 1:52.89, and tops in the 400 free relay was the foursome of Courtney Hamer, Caitlin Carpenter, Jamie Kapelson and freshman anchor Jenny Geary (4:05.39, judge's decision).

Jen McDonald also tried her hand at diving for the first time this season and finished second with a sectional-cut score of 166.45 points.

"Jen is a tremendous athlete. She can do both swimming and diving," said Fitzgerald. "Mary (diving coach Wermers-Schissel) wanted her to give it a try and she responded."

McDonald also placed second in the 100 free (1:01.34), while O'Malley was third (1:01.38) to complete the sweep.

Other individual runners-up were Jenny Meltz (200 free, 2:16.46), Erin McAuliffe (200 IM, 2:26.96), Phoungthu Nguyen (50 free, personal-best 27.88),

Geary (100 fly, 1:08.34) and Cassandra Valler (500 free, sectional-cut 5:51.34).

Carpentier, Hamer, Kapelson and McAuliffe joined forces for a second in the 200 free relay (1:55.62).

Third-place relays for AHS were the 200 medley quartet of Margaret Doherty, Valler, Kerry Gaj, Carpenter (2:13.25) and the 400 free crew of Grobicki, Liz Pallotta, Christina Casey and McDonald (4:17.96).

Jackie Leahy was third in the 100 backstroke (sectional-cut 1:09.28) and Kapelson third in the 100 breaststroke (1:22.99).

Following McDonald in the diving were Jillian Bargar (third, 153.80 points) and Michelle Guy (fourth, 150.60 points).

Placing fourth were Pallotta (200 free, 2:17.95), Amanda Saunders (200 IM, 2:34.36), Gillan (50 free, 28.61), Gaj (100 fly, 1:15.15), and Jackie Booth (100 breast, 1:33.78).

Monica Chung was fifth in the 500 free (6:40.60), Lydia Alovoseti fifth in the 100 breast (1:38.41) and Amanda Kaminiski sixth in the 100 back (1:17.87).

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Warriors trounce host Tewksbury, 34-6

■ GOLDEN WARRIORS

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with 36 points, while Stevens has 24. Hennessy and Shaheen Ghandchi 18 each, Keefe 13 and Ben Newman 12.

AHS finished the game with 212 total yards from scrimmage, 171 on the ground and 41 through the air.

Tewksbury had won the previous four games against Andover, including wild 46-30 and 34-28 (overtime) decisions the past two years.

This was only the second AHS win over the Redmen in nine years, and since 1982 TMHS now owns a 12-9-1 series advantage.

Three of the next four games are at home, beginning tomorrow night (Friday) when Andover hosts Haverhill at Lovely Field. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

The Hillies will enter with a 2-2 overall record and they are fresh off a 20-7 MVC win over Dracut last weekend.

Haverhill piled up 303 rushing yards in that game, sparked by a three-pronged ground attack from Ryan Saunders (13 carries, 109 yards, one TD), Chris Valaskatis (15 carries, 105 yards) and T.J. Pare (12 carries, 97 yards, two TDs).

After surrendering a touchdown to Dracut on its first possession, the Haverhill defense stopped the Middies the rest of the night behind strong play from linebacker Dan Orlando (interception), tackle Dan Curtis (two sacks) and guard Ben Kiloren (six tackles).

The Hillies attempted only two passes. Earlier this season Haverhill, 1-1 in MVC play, suffered a 20-6 conference loss to the same Tewksbury team Andover just crushed.

The Hillies beat Andover 27-16 last fall and

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A: Geoff Stevens 1 run (Keefe kick)

T: Bill Fabiano 6 run (kick failed)

A: Farnham 53 run (Keefe kick)
A: Farnham 10 pass from Stevens (kick failed)

Team Statistics

First Downs: Andover 8; Tewksbury 10
Rushes/Yards: Andover 33-171; Tewksbury 32-56

Passing: Andover 6-7-0, 41 yards, TD; Tewksbury 7-15-2, 102 yards.

Total Yards: Andover 212; Tewksbury 158

Fumbles/Lost: Andover 1-0; Tewksbury 5-3

Punts/Ave: Andover 2-33.5; Tewksbury 4-29

Penalties/Yards: Andover 5-45; Tewksbury 0-0

Scrimmage Plays: Andover 47; Tewksbury 51

Records: Andover 3-2, Tewksbury 2-2

Individual Statistics

Rushing: A, Matt Hennessy 14-112, TD; Buddy Farnham 3-57, TD; Shaheen Ghandchi 8-33; Geoff Stevens 8-(-31), T, Bill Fabiano 16-56, TD; Brian Donohue 9-19

Passing: A, Geoff Stevens 5-6-0, 27 yards, TD; Matt Lattari 1-1-0, 14 yards. T, Tyler Michaeliewicz 4-10-2, 67 yards; Mike Frasier 3-5-0, 37 yards

Receiving: A, Buddy Farnham 3-15, TD; Brett Herlihy 1-14; Ben Newman 2-12, T, Jon Flanagan 3-67; Brian Lowe 1-17; Brian Donohue 1-15; Bill Fabiano 1-5; Kevin Terrio 1-0

Interceptions: A, Buddy Farnham 1; John Fox 1

Fumble Recoveries: A, Nate Welch 1; Phil Perkins 1; Brett Herlihy 1; Matt Wolfman 1

Tackles: A, Nate Welch 9; Larry Masse 7; Mike Muccio 7; Buddy Farnham 6; Phil Perkins 6; Matt Hennessy 5; John Fox 5; Matt Wolfman 4; Jason Shoemaker 4; Shaheen Ghandchi 4

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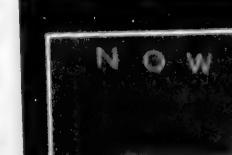
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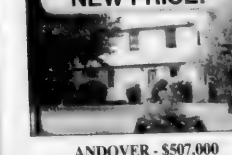


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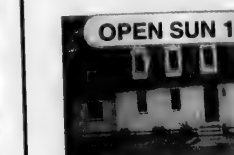
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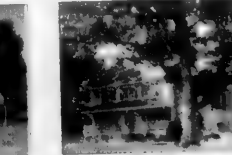
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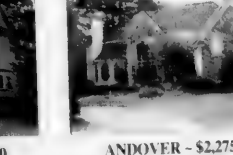
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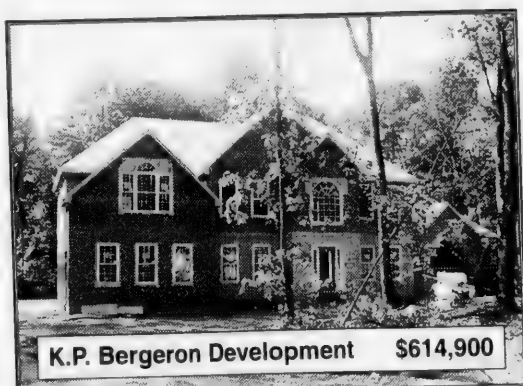
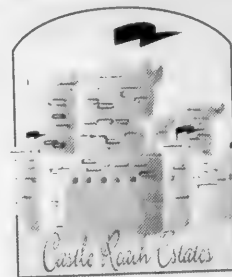
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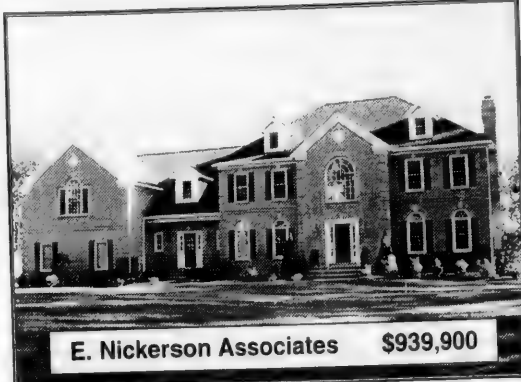
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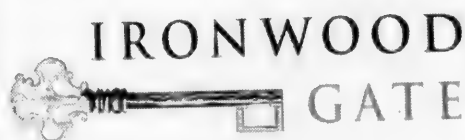


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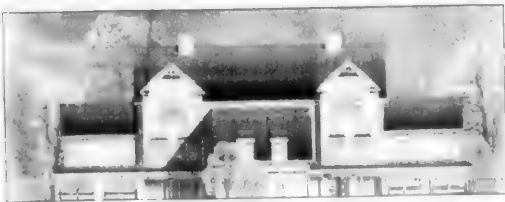
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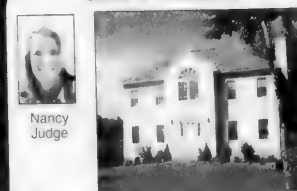
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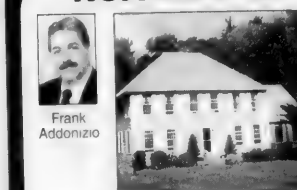
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**The Trial Court****Probate****And Family Court****Department****Essex Division****Docket No. 247893P****NOTICE OF****TRUSTEES ACCOUNT****To all persons interested in the estate of****PHILIP F. RIPLEY****late of Andover,****Essex County.****You are hereby notified pursuant to****Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the FORTY-SECOND TO****FORTY-SIXTH accounts of FLEET NATIONAL BANK as****TRUSTEE (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased for the benefit of MABEL B. RIPLEY and****OTHERS have been presented to said Court for allowance.****If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at****Essex on or before the third day of****November, 2003, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said accounts. If you desire to object to any item of said accounts, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.****Witness, JOHN C. STEVENS, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Essex this second day of October, 2003.****ANDOVER****PLANNING BOARD****Paul Salafia,****Chairman****October 9 & 16, 2003****Pamela Casey****O'Brien****Register of Probate****October 16, 2003****COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS****LAND COURT****DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT****(SEAL)****Case No. 292862****To Scott D. Martin and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Bank One, NA, as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1 claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 3 Washington Avenue given by Scott D. Martin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated October 31, 2001, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6460, Page 278 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.****If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 17th day of November, 2003, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.****Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 3rd day of October, 2003.****Ann-Marie J. Breuer****Deputy Recorder****October 16, 2003****Classified Ads**

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Decorating with original artwork is easier than it seems



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Lori Wanzek uses original art work to decorate her home in Andover. This peacock sculpture was bought at Alpers Fine Art on Main Street.

By Thea Shapiro

With two galleries in town, the annual Art in the Park event, and the New Paint, an auction sponsored by the Essex Art Center in Lawrence, Andover residents have greater access than ever to buying original works of art from local sources. For many, however, figuring out which work to buy can be a mystery.

For such people, Susan Faxon, interim director at The Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Gallery, has some advice. "When buying art, don't speculate. Buy what you love," she said. "You may make mistakes over time, and adjust them as you become more discerning. It is a wonderfully fulfilling activity."

Peter Alpers, owner of Alpers Fine Arts at 2 Main St., tells the story of a man who came looking for a painting to hang over his mantel. The man's first comment to Alpers was, "The only art I've ever owned was a Tour de France poster. And don't show me any abstract work, I don't understand it."

After spending two hours looking at paintings and talking to Alpers, this novice buyer fell in love with a painting of a woman. Not sure whether he was in love with the woman or the painting, the man bought the piece. Over the time they spent together they talked about a lot of the paintings, including the abstract pieces. The man asked Alpers why people like abstract art. Alpers told him, "People who buy abstract art have a higher tolerance for ambiguity."

The client ended up buying two other pieces, including an abstract painting. Since that first day, the man has purchased 30 paintings, and his collection continues to grow with art work he has learned to understand and love, according to Alpers.

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Spending time to look at artwork worth it for some

■ ARTWORK

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Getting started

To learn about art and artists, people should talk with gallery owners and art dealers, Faxon recommends. They should spend time learning what they like and training their eye to see differences between pieces. To learn about contemporary artists, Faxon suggests reading reviews and art publications, talking to artists at openings or contacting them through galleries. Gallery owners will often have artists' statements to help people learn about the artists they carry.

Alpers agrees with Faxon that people should buy art they love, rather than buying art to resell it later. "A painting assumes a secondary market (resale market)," he said. "There are contemporary artists who are in demand, so



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

From the upstairs hallway (left) to the family room, the Wanzek family displays the original artwork they have been collecting to decorate their home.

"We have eclectic tastes and find pieces all around and we buy what we love."

LORI WANZEK
ANDOVER RESIDENT

the prices of their paintings go up, but how much is hard to speculate."

If a person isn't sure where to start when buying paintings, go to a gallery, talk with the owner, look at different styles and start to learn, he said.

Emphasizing that every art buyer has his or her own style, Alpers describes the two extreme types of buyers: infatuation-driven buyers and décor-driven clients. "Some clients walk in, not even shopping for a painting, and they fall in love with something. They're not sure where it will go, but they can't live without it, so they exercise their creativity by rearranging whatever is necessary to find the right space for the painting," he said.



Different art styles work well on the Wanzek's living room wall.

"The other extreme, what I call décor-driven, is every bit as valid an approach to buying art as any other. Décor-driven clients tend to come in looking for works that 'go with' their decorating scheme. This is a little tougher challenge, if only because the painting must meet fixed criteria. It goes without saying that some criteria are inevitable — price, size and color, to an extent."

Alpers calls himself more of an infatuated buyer than a décor-driven one, adding that "I still want a painting that doesn't clash with my existing style. So at the risk of splitting hairs, I'd say 'clashing' and 'going with' are just different degrees of the same thing."

Mia Guerrera, owner of Lorica Artworks at 1 Elm Square, said some people are a bit reluctant to buy art on their own. "People have trust in major purchases they make that they will live with for many years, like a large piece of furniture, but some people are afraid to buy art on their own (without a designer). Everyone can develop an eye

for the artwork. Spend some time looking at different pieces before you buy. There's so much out there," she said.

Lori and Kent Wanzek of Andover enjoy collecting original pieces of art. One of Lori Wanzek prize pieces is a Tom Edmonds oil painting she bought at New Paint auction a couple of years ago. "We were looking for artwork for certain spots in the house, and as soon

as I saw that painting I knew I had to have it. I know that sounds corny, but it's true," she said. "The colors are wonderful. We have been moving towards decorating our home with more original artwork, both paintings and sculptures. We have eclectic tastes and find pieces all around and we buy what we love."

Some guidelines for framing and hanging

Are there guidelines for hanging art? "Not really," said Peter Alpers, owner of Alpers Fine Arts on Main Street.

"People can hang different artists' work together, or a few of the same artist salon-style, meaning a mix of sizes and shapes on one wall, or just one large one by itself," he said.

As for lighting, Alpers recommends works on paper that require glass should be hung out of direct sunlight, and should get ambient daylight.

How high or low pieces are hung depends on how close one needs to be to see the art work. A painting needs to be eye level for a small piece with a lot of detail. A large piece can work well high up in a two story space, because the viewer needs to step back to take the whole painting in.

Regarding framing, Alpers advises that a frame needs to do a piece justice without calling attention to itself.

Did You Know...?

Sure it's a "quality" paint, but most people don't really know what the term "quality" means. According to DoItYourself.com, quality paints have better binders, which impact stain and crack resistance to adhesion. Quality paints also have more prime and additives. Prime is used for hiding and additives make the paint easier to apply and give it more protective qualities. Quality paints will make your paint job easier and last longer. So while they may be more expensive, it's worthwhile to shell out the extra cash now so you don't have to shell it out again in the near future.

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Personal style of the Conquer closet chaos once and for all teenage bedroom

By Richa Goyal
What's Up intern

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, the same, might be said for a teenagers bedroom.

No two teens' bedrooms are ever alike and they reflect a person's personality and interests. Take for instance, Timothy Krey's bedroom. Krey's room reflects his love for the Air Force. He has pictures of planes and jets covering his walls from top to bottom. From the time he was 6 years old, Krey's hobby was making model jets, planes and helicopters. Now, those models are suspended from his bedroom ceiling. This seems to be the perfect bedroom for this 22-year-old cadet, who is expected to graduate from the Air Force Academy in June 2004.

But Timothy Krey isn't the only Krey with a unique bedroom. Directly across the hall from his room lies the bamboo-curtained door to his younger sister's bedroom. Stephanie Krey's bedroom shows her personality and uniqueness, according to her friends. Her bedroom displays her love for the sky and the outdoors, with stars and moons wallpaper on one side of her room and cloud wallpaper on the other side. Also included in her bedroom is a paper rainbow that is suspended from her ceiling, a 4-foot flower that lies near her floral linen curtains and two mobiles with stars and moons.

Stephanie Krey's bedroom also reveals her love for music. She dedicates a part of her room to her favorite musicians, such as Led Zeppelin, Bob Marley and Jimi Hendrix. "I love my room. I love to be unique and different from everybody else. I believe that my room is really unique and it

really shows who I am as a person," she said.

There are many teenagers in Andover who want to decorate their bedroom, but don't know how. "I suggest picking a theme and to stick with that theme throughout the whole decorating process. For me, my theme was the sky," suggested the younger Krey. "Or, if (you) don't prefer having a theme, decorate the room so that it displays who you are as a person. Hang up some posters, show off your interests. Just let it show who you are and don't be afraid to go all out and to be unique."

It may seem that teenagers would have to spend hundreds of dollars to have a perfect room, but they don't necessarily have to spend anything. Like Stephanie Krey, Wendy Chen is also known to have a room that shows off her personality and interests.

"Mostly, everything that I have in my room I made myself or I used things that were lying around the house. I decorated a part of my wall with old compact discs that I don't listen to anymore. I hung up some Christmas lights to give my room more color and I also made a mural of a sunset. My friends and family are very important to me. So I have some pictures of them and I have a wall that has all of my friend's favorite quotes," said Chen. Chen's bedroom is a perfect example of a personally decorated room that didn't cost a fortune. She and Stephanie Krey said it's not important how much is spent on a room, but it is important that the bedroom reflect the taste and personality of the person who lives there.

Richa Goyal is an Andover High School student and intern at the Andover Townsman.

(WMS) - Can't find anything to wear in the closet? It might be time to overhaul it.

Don't sigh in disbelief — it's worth the effort to get organized. According to the National Association of Professional Organizers, organized people save time and money and have lower stress and frustration levels. Instead of saying, "I have nothing to wear!" organize the closet to help find clothing faster and easier.

First, open up the closet and put everything on the floor. Place each item into one of three piles — trash, donate and keep. Trash clothing that haven't been worn in a year and anything that's stained or torn beyond repair. Not sure about something, try it on in front of a full-length mirror. Keep anything that flatters the figure. If it looks awful, toss it into the "donate" pile. Also put expensive or sentimental items that no longer get used — don't feel guilty parting with it — it into the donate pile.

Immediately take charge of the "donate" and "trash" piles. That way, these items won't mysteriously migrate back into the closet. Put the "trash" pile into plastic bags, and add them to the rest of the garbage. Take the "donate" pile to the car and toss it into the trunk to be dropped off at the local clothing drive or consignment shop.

Now it's time to sort. Divide clothing by season — summer, winter and spring/fall. Store out-of-season items in a cedar closet (which repels moths without having to use mothballs), hanging garment bags, storage chest or clear storage bins. If space is an issue, see if a dry cleaner offers winter storage.

Now, the next step is to sort clothing by type. Some people organize their wardrobe by activity, such as work, play or nightlife. Others hang shirts with one another, pants together,



Organized closets make getting dressed in the morning a joy instead of a chore.

er, etc., and then sort even more specifically by color. As long as it is consistent, it doesn't matter how it's organized. It will now be easier to create outfits.

It's easy for hanging clothing to get in a jumble. Use hangers of the same type — mixing and matching hangers just creates a mess. (Don't forget that hangers can also hang ties, belts, bags and umbrellas.) Arrange hangers all in the same direction to keep the closet neat and tidy.

Store fancy formalwear in a separate closet or a zippered garment bag in the back of the main closet or hall closet. That way clothing will be ready to

wear when the invitation arrives in the mail. Keep dressy shoes, evening bags and other accessories in clear boxes so they are protected and easy to locate when you need them.

It's time to tackle the drawers. Sort items, throwing away anything with stains or holes, and matching any socks. Store items like undergarments, socks, lingerie or T-shirts in separate drawers. For hosiery, store each color in individual plastic bags.

Now, there is no reason for you to say "I have nothing to wear." because the closet will be well-organized. Spend less money on shopping, and get a bigger wardrobe — without even spending a dime.

Decorating with candles is a hot trend, survey finds

(WSM) - While home renovation continues strong, home decorating seems to have slowed, despite the fact that people are staying close to home more. A new survey conducted by PKS Research Partners for the National Candle Association (NCA), found that the majority of adult women (55 percent) have spent less than \$500 decorating their homes in the last 12 months.

Though many home decorating budgets may be shrinking, candles remain a steadfast decorating staple. Sales of candles have leveled off somewhat in the last year, but nearly three quarters (74 percent) of women still believe that candles are an important home accessory. Almost as many women (72 percent) use candles at least some of the time when entertaining at home, and entertaining is still popular with more than a third (35 percent) of women, who reported entertaining at home more than five times in the past six months.

One explanation for the continued "glow" of the candle market is that candles are relatively inexpensive and versatile. According to Lyn Peterson, interior designer/decorator, author and consultant to the NCA, "No single element of design is as important as the lighting. And candles have the magic, sparkle and ability to transform a room, without making a huge dent in your pocket."

Redecorating is something that people will always concentrate on at some point or another and when it comes to making a change, the living room is the No. 1 target. Three out of 10 (actually 31 percent) women report that the living room is the room they would most prefer to redecorate, followed by the bedroom (24 percent) and the kitchen (16 percent).

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Illuminating advice for lighting any home

(MS) — Homeowners spend hours in home-improvement stores, painstakingly mixing the perfect paint color, picking out new fixtures and selecting the right accessories. While these are all important elements of a successful home-improvement endeavor, no project is complete unless lighting is added to the mix. Lighting design is a specialty all its own, but with tips and secret tricks from the professionals, do-it-yourselfers can apply the same principles to their own projects.

Although frequently overlooked during home renovations, matching the lighting scheme to the room often involves minimal effort with maximum impact. The right lighting can make paint color come to life, furnishings sparkle and wall art pop. A lighting project can be as simple as exchanging a regular incandescent light bulb for a brighter, faceted halogen light bulb to create sparkle, or as sophisticated as actually adding new fixtures like down lights or wall sconces.

As in a theater, lighting in a home sets the stage and helps create drama within rooms. When the curtain opens, the theater audience takes in the

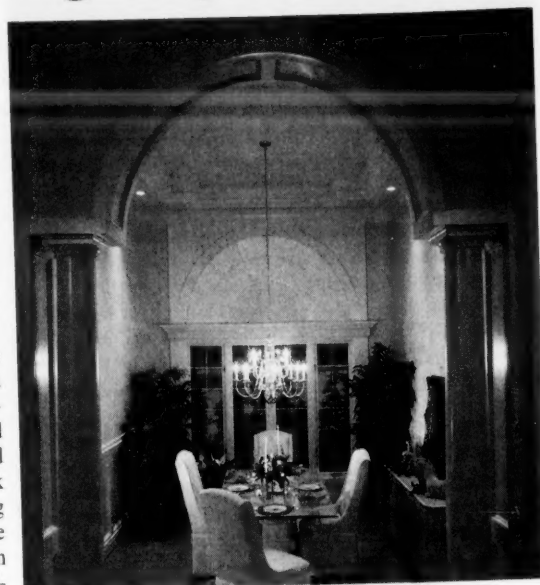
"By emphasizing a focal point, proper lighting can lead the eye on a journey through the room."

MARK ROUSH
 PHILIPS LIGHTING COMPANY

panorama of the set. The same applies when someone enters a room. "The eye is drawn to certain focal points as the mind takes in the overall vista and view of the room," says Mark Roush of Philips Lighting Company. For example, the human eye tends to focus on flat surfaces — whether horizontal surfaces like a dining room table or king-sized bed or vertical surfaces like the walls of a foyer. "By emphasizing a focal point, proper lighting can lead the eye on a journey through the room," adds Roush.

When selecting lighting, people regularly consider the form and function of the room, but few consider the importance of layering, or mixing the sources and type of lighting to reflect personal style and lifestyle. Layers of lighting that help us navigate a room with our eyes include:

Aesthetic/accent lighting: In this layer, the effect of the light and its impact on the overall impression of the room is central. Often referred to as ambient, aesthetic lighting can take the form of light from a variety of bulbs or fixtures. A secret source of aesthetic lighting is adjustable down lighting pointed toward wall art. In addition to highlighting existing décor, the amount of light is often enough to illuminate a narrow space like a hall or up a stairway. When placed on either side of a chandelier, down lights add pools of brightness to the horizontal surface of the dining room table. With a dimmer switch and dimmable halogen bulb, illumination from the fixtures can be adjusted to complement the



The right lighting can do wonders for a room.

room's lighting scheme.

Functional lighting: Task lighting, as the name implies, should match the purpose of the room. Take the kitchen — many people have overhead lighting and many people have an island workspace, but few have lighting over the island. By shifting the position of down lights or track lights a few inches, overhead lighting truly complements the function of the room. The same is true with the bathroom. Adding an overhead light within the actual bathing area (tub or shower stall) contributes to the function of and safety in the room.

Decorative lighting: In the third and final layer, the light itself (as well as appropriate fixture) can both emphasize and

become the central decoration in a room. Flame-style bulbs used in chandeliers come in a range of styles, including faceted glass that produces illuminated striations on the walls and ceiling of a room. Faceted bulbs are available in a variety of designs.

As these examples illustrate, changing the lighting scheme of a room does not have to be an expensive or complicated project. By employing layering techniques and maximizing "secrets" used by professional architects and lighting designers, all homeowners have the ability to use lighting to express themselves by drawing attention to their new rooms. Once a do-it-yourselfer tries lighting design, they will never take light for granted again.

Decorator or designer?

An interior decorator is someone who has an eye and expertise in dealing with the aesthetics of a home's décor, such as color, paint, fabrics, furnishings or lighting.

An interior designer is someone who has had formal training in the field of interior design and is qualified to perform general drafting and basic remodeling in addition to decorating. They can read architectural blueprints and has a grasp of structural concepts. In some states — 18 to be exact — they must pass a strict exam and be licensed.

Most interior designers belong to professional organizations such as the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), the International Society of Interior Designers (ISID) or the Institute of Business Designers

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Fireplaces add warmth to any room

(MS) — The traditional image of the fireplace is undergoing major renovations. While the vision of a large crackling fireplace nestled in the corner of the living room remains a mainstay in North American home design, radical changes in the fireplace market have expanded the potential for adding a fireplace, and thereby its ambiance, to any room in the home.

According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, new products now make it possible to add fireplaces to nontraditional locations while encouraging the installation of fireplaces as a design element throughout a house.

Today's fireplaces feature creative looks, unique shapes and sizes, convenient fuels and a variety of venting choices that make the addition of a fireplace more flexible than ever. Now fireplaces can be customized and easily installed to accentuate any decor and add ambiance to bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, home offices, basements, media rooms and even backyard patios.

"These are not our fathers' fireplaces," says Carter Keithley, president and CEO of the HPBA, the North American fireplace trade association. "There's a fireplace for any potential project. There are no limits."

Significant fireplace breakthroughs include:

- A see-through fireplace that provides a window to the outside
- Small "bookshelf" fireplaces installed at eye-level
- Fireplaces that double as mirrors when not in use
- Oversized gas fireplaces with 30-inch flames, invisible glass and no visible vents
- Fireplaces where fire dances in pebbles or glass beads
- Weatherproof outdoor fireplaces

The idea of fireplaces in multiple locations is not unheard of in North American homes. Today, more than 21 percent of people have a fireplace or free-standing stove someplace other than a living room or family room, according to a recent report by the HPBA, the "Fireplace and Freestanding Stove Usage and Attitude Study."

Tradition calls for a wood-burning fireplace; however, the logistics of this conventional choice may limit a homeowner's ability to personalize its look or placement. By considering an electric, gas or propane fireplace, a homeowner may be able to install a fireplace in a way that better accentuates the atmosphere and style of his home design. These types of fireplaces add design flexibility



Fireplaces aren't just in living rooms anymore. Put them in bedrooms, basements, kitchens and even bathrooms.

by allowing installation without the confines of a chimney. Direct vent technology provides the opportunity to expel the emissions from gas fireplaces out the side of a house, and electric and vent-free gas fireplaces provide fire without the need for venting.

"It's no surprise that people continue to find new and ingenious ways to incorporate fireplaces into their lives," said Keithley. "The ambiance of fire is an important component of our homes."

This conviction is validated

"There's a fireplace for any potential project. There are no limits."

CARTER KEITHLEY
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by a statistic from the HPBA study, which indicates that 58 percent of North Americans look to a dancing flame as a source of ambiance instead of heat.

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Make small rooms feel more spacious

There's no need to feel trapped in house that has a small living room. Rather than barely furnishing it, there are ways to give the room a spacious look. The following decorating tricks, courtesy of Leslie Linsley, author of *Leslie Linsley's 15-Minute Decorating Ideas* (St. Martin's Griffin), will help make a small living room look larger.

Add mirrors — Mirrors visually expand any space. If the room is too rectangular and seems too narrow, arrange the furniture in a square shape away from the walls. Mirror the narrow wall to reflect the furniture arrangement.

Don't overcrowd — Choose a few good furniture pieces with clean lines and take away clutter. One large piece can be the focal point of the room. This piece can be a sofa, armchair or even two love seats opposite a

large coffee table.

Color coordinate — Use one color on all furniture, rugs and walls. Select different shades and textures of the chosen color. Use a contrasting color, like a darker shade of the natural, for all wood trim. Add paintings or prints to the walls. One large painting makes a greater impact than a group of small paintings.

Arrangements — To create seating for six in a small living room, you might consider a love seat in place of a full-size sofa. Add two medium-size cushioned chairs and two small occasional wood chairs to fit on either side of a window or desk. These chairs can be pulled over to become part of an intimate seating arrangement when needed.

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A design mystery: Is a tropical pattern at home in the snow covered regions?

(MS) — Do decorative jungle motifs fit in Maine or austere colonial patterns in Southern California? "Why not?" says New York-based interior designer Charles Riley. "What should be important to home decorators," he suggests, "is whether the patterns and colors they select conform to the spaces they are decorating, rather than whether they match the climates in which they live."

"Look to our decorative history to see how we've used ornamental pattern references that were foreign to their original settings," Riley adds. "When the Western world was developing trade in the Far East in the 18th and 19th centuries, fashionable homes reflected the craze for all things Asian, such as Chinoiserie accents on textiles, wallpapers, desks and chests. For 200 years, New Englanders have introduced palm trees and tropical looks to their summer estates to satisfy pressures to be stylish."

"If someone wants to create a wonderful refuge, she should introduce a strong pattern, such as a tropical leaf fabric or wallpaper. This sanctuary can transport you to another world," Carol Donayre Bugg, vice president and director of design for Interiors by Decorating Den, observes that those who aren't enthusiastic about traveling may want to design an escapist retreat at home.



In selecting a pattern for a room, more important than the climate outside is the atmosphere created inside.

"More important than where you live is whether a particular motif suits you personally," she advises. Bugg spends most of the year in Maryland and brings home accents from Key West — such as a decorative pillow — to inspire pleasant memories of tropical moments at her second home. "After all, if you live in an area with palm trees and ferns, you don't necessarily need to see them

indoors, whereas if you don't, such tropical symbols would act as a lovely reminder," adds Bugg.

"The beauty of selecting a floral theme for a home in a cold climate is that it elicits the same reaction as a bouquet of flowers on a chilly gray day in January," Bugg says. "It brings the promise of spring and brightens up the room."

Traditional-style decorating as popular today as yesterday

(MS) — The word "classic" was coined to describe something that maintains its relevance and meaning over time, that is never dated or out of fashion. It often refers to music, books or plays but is just as relevant when describing style, both for a style of dress and a decorating style. Classic apparel like a beautifully tailored suit or a little black dress has its decorating equivalent in a traditionally designed room.

Despite the fact that there are so many design options today, traditional decorating remains the look of choice for most people. And no wonder — the hallmarks of traditional style are comfort, an interesting mix of pattern and texture, and timeless accessories that bring warmth to a room.

According to the design experts at Stroheim & Romann, a resource for decorative fabrics, wallpapers and trimmings, there are several ways to bring the charm of traditional decorating to a home. Here are their tips:

- One of the most important elements of traditional decorating is comfort. Opt for upholstered furniture with comfort in mind — large, overscaled pieces with big fluffy cushions and plenty of pillows, designed to curl up in, instead of furniture that is more hard-edged and sleek.
- Choose fabrics with classic patterns and textures, such as damasks, brocades, tapestries, velvets, and chenilles. Florals are always a good choice, paired with stripes, plaids and small textures.
- Pick colors that are rich and dramatic, such as jewel tones or



This classic living room exemplifies traditional decorating at its best.

warm neutrals. Red, russet and burgundy are especially good choices, combined with gold and muted green.

• The lavish use of trimmings gives every room a traditional look. Deep bullion fringe can be added to the skirts of sofas and chairs, tassel fringe can edge draperies, and novelty trims can add personality to pillows.

• A trick designers use to make rooms more inviting is to upholster a wall in an elegant fabric, either in a distinctive pattern or in a subtle textured solid.

• Rich, gleaming woods such as mahogany, walnut or cherry on floors, furniture and acces-

sories, are a wonderful accent in traditional rooms.

• Don't ignore the details in traditional rooms. Drapery hardware in a complementary classic style is the perfect finishing touch for windows.

• One of the most versatile furniture options is an oversized ottoman, a practical alternative to a coffee table that encourages relaxation and also does double-duty as extra seating.

• Another way to make rooms look cozy and inviting is with accent pillows in a mix of colors and textures to complement upholstery. A richly textured throw also says comfort.

Expressing personal style with home décor

(WMS) — The way a home is decorated reflects the personality and the image the homeowner wishes to present to the world. "Decorating is both a reflection of society as a whole and an individual's personality," confirms New York interior designer Michael Simon of Michael Simon Interiors, Inc.

A home also evokes a reaction from all who cross its threshold. "Formal furnishings equate to more formal, polite behavior," Simon points out. "When you walk through a museum or enter a religious institution you react by talking in a hushed voice. Entering a room with fine paintings, furniture and accessories usually solicits a respectful manner."

"The richer the textiles, the more formal the space. An antique gilded chair upholstered in sumptuous brocade realizes a different reaction than a club chair upholstered

"Good design plays on the emotions — and takes into consideration how people live."

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in textured cotton," says Simon.

"Furniture placement has less to do with manners and more to do with traffic patterns and visual balance," Simon continues. "The size of the room and high ceilings also affect behavior and how people react. There are 'parade' or public rooms and then there are the 'family' rooms where comfort comes first. But every space should be comfortable."

"People respond differently based on their environment, which is the foundation of

behavioral science," says interior designer Myra Schwartz of Myra R. Schwartz Associates, Inc. "That's why it's important for people's homes to reflect their personalities. Furthermore, color and light evoke the atmosphere you wish to create."

"To design a formal room, use a pretty, deep red, in combination with other colors. Team that red with black and white and it takes on an edge, inspiring a different reaction."

The red makes a different impression when shown exclusively with a black and white.

"Feeling casual around bold, funky colors, people may exhibit a devil-may-care attitude, while around black and white, they might be chilled and tense. A warm, inviting interior with soft colors is relaxing. Good design plays on the emotions — and takes into consideration how people live," Schwartz says.

Get a move on moving furniture around

(WMS) — One of the fastest ways to give a room a makeover, apart from painting or wallpapering, is to rearrange furniture. By simply switching around your sofa, loveseat and entertainment center, the room can take on a completely new look. However, moving furniture can be a backbreaking job.

So how does one revamp a room without ending up in the chiropractor's office? Here are some ways to achieve success without the pain.

• Sketch it out. Professional decorators often make quick outline sketches of their ideas on paper. They also do some of their work on graph paper, which makes it easy to map out the square footage of a room and then compare it in relation to the squares of the graph paper. Each square on

the paper represents one foot. For example, a 2-foot-by-2-foot overstuffed chair on the graph paper would be two blocks wide by two blocks high. Label the shapes for what item of furniture or decorative item (like a rug) each is representing.

• Go high-tech. Browse through the software aisle of a computer store or office supply store there should be several programs geared toward interior and exterior design. With these programs, one enters in the measurements of their room and furniture and then they can move around each item on the screen until their happy with the placement. Some of these programs also offer a three-dimensional virtual walk-through tour, that can show a "humans' eye

view" of just what the room looks like.

• Comparison shop. If one lives in a housing development, which are popular in suburban America, many of the houses in the development are the same model. See what neighbors have done with their rooms, to get an idea of what works and what doesn't.

• Smooth sailing. A hands-on people may want to invest in tools that will make the job easier. New disks that are coated with ultra-slippery silicon can be placed under the furniture legs, making it easy to slide around cumbersome items. Plus, the disks won't snag on your carpet, preventing further headaches.

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